Slavver &
Slavvering } Rheum — or a disagreeable sliming liquid such as drops from the jaws of dogs occasionally & also from certain ancient human beings. To illustrate by Spencer's admirable description of a witch —

Wath — A ford in a river perhaps tho' not likely from Wharf

Gettan got Saxon

Sugh — [...]le — a Scotch [...] differently [...] means a [...] foul mea[...] [...] Yorkshire [...] Iden just [...] only or

Wick — [...] suppose from

Tank — [...] [...]rof — —
brunch[...]
—

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Poke a sack

Yaad - a horse - in the North not frequent

Whye — a yearling cow or one tite she has had a calf.

hownen or Loaning } a lane or by way

Don & Doff "are well known to be contracted from do on & do off. From don is also formed the substantive downings. Doff occurs frequently in Shakespear & Spenser, & twice in Milton

"I praise thy resolution: doff these links."
Samps. Agon.

"Nature in awe to him
"Had doffd her gawdey trim"
Ode on the Nativity, Lin 33.

Tidy. "neat, decent. Dol - Tearsheet calls Falstaff, "thou whoreson tidie Bartholomew Boar-pig" Hen. 4th p. 2. Act 2.
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The stone of which the Castle seems chiefly to have been built is the Roman grit - or strong coarse sand stone — After breakfast I took a walk up the river having pitched a point of view for the castle & bridge together I sat down & drew for an hour when I returned through the town & visited the Church — Garland is not severe enough by any means on the state of the Church & churchyard - the whole together with the general state of the town is a disgrace to the inhabitants who must be a beggarly set indeed to let so much nastiness & daily ruin pass unnoticed — The graves with their stones are many of them rooted up as I suppose by swine & the whole is a scene of dirt & filth & confusion — The inside of the Church is little or no better - all is disorder

2. There are two wooden helmets gloves & several ancient tarn banners hung up in the south end of the crop aisle to the honour of the family of Bowes — The font is ancient & curious & together with a statue lying in an obscure place under a pew — is described in Hutchinson's hist: of Durham where there is also a print of it — Nothing curious besides occurred & I left it filled with disgust — From hence I went & called upon Hutchinson the Antiquarian. With him also I was soon disgusted he is a blockhead without a single iota of imagination & how such a man could have crept into public notice is almost a miracle — tho' a F. A. S. his antiquarian knowledge is in a very small compass — I asked him a question or two concerning the ancient characters & symbols on the font in the church — he said that according to his opinion they were

the private marks of the ma-
ker & that it was no curiosi-
ty - This was enough for me
together with a sight of his hea-
vy head & I left him - But
perhaps some allowance shd
be made for him as he is
now an old man - However
it is generally understood that
all the credit of the History
of Durham pap. under his
name is properly due to Mr
Allan of the Grange near
Darlington who it is well
known furnished Mr H with
all his most valuable ma-
terials seven arranged them
for him - Mr A was indeed
a man of considerable talent
& antiquarian research -
I next walked to Whitbitan Ab-
bey where I took 3 sketches
& then returned to dinner - The
Noble bridge called the Abbey bridge
is a very fine structure tho it is
to its single arch but no man
of taste can relish the parapets
with are built in the ridicu-
lous form of ramparts with
castellated towers at the end

4 - This affectation appears here highly absurd - the arch is ele-vated very high above the sur-face of the water below then confined to a narrow rocky & deep bed - fringed with noble oak trees on each side - After dinner I sat out for Middleton in Teesdale - 12 miles - on my way towards Cauldron Snout & the source of that River - I first passed thro Lartington a very sweet village with a capital mansion belong g. to a Maire Esq. next Cotherstone a very large stray-gling village surrounded by the most romantic scenery near the confluence of the Baul-der & Tees I passed over the Baulder by an ancient bridge of a single pointed ribbed arch with a new parapet - in a beau-tiful romantic & fertile Gill - Here I met with a country lass with whom I walked & frolicked all the way to Romaldkirk another large & pretty village Next to Egglestone where I a-

-gain crossed the Tees into Durham - all the way hence thro' a most delightful & rich -ly cultivated country - this last mileage is one of the sweetest I ever saw - situated upon the rocky & woody northern bank of the Tees where crosses a good bridge of two arches - A little above this the wild Lune flows from the ancient forest of that name contributes her waters to those of the Tees - My walk from hence to Middleton was chiefly in the dark but the distance was little more than 3 miles - At Middleton I lodged at the Crop Keys - I think Teesdale so far nearly equal to Wensleydale in fertility but not in extent - Teesdale has more arable land - more wood & rock - consequently more romantic scenes - But Wensleydale upon the whole is certainly more rich in agricultural produce -

158th Day. Dec: 23. I rose about 7 o'clock early for me Immediately after breakfast I sat out towards the far end of Teesdale - Leaving Middleton the

6. country became more open & less woody & the hills rose to more elevated regions — A little more than 3 miles turned to see Winch bridge — This is a truly alpine curiosity — 'tis a crazy old bridge of rotten boards & railing hung upon chains suspended across a considerable & rugged chasm in the rocks at the bottom of which rolls y Tees in a rude tumultuous manner — it is so old & pendant that it blows to & fro in the wind filling the mind of the persons croping it with no very agreable sensations — but to behold it in a place of safety is a grand sight — my drawing will very materially aid an accurate description of it — The rocks here are beautiful & besides being finely tinted with the various mosses & lichens that grow upon the surfaces — from the crevices — birch — mountain ash & yew trees — jut out in a swelly romantic manner — This very picturesque & dangerous bridge leads to a place almost as interest

-ing - to the village of Holwick
situated as Garland justly observes
in his tour upon the edge of the lower
precipice of a tremendous charm
in a range of high & rocky
mountains - appearing to have
been rent by a dreadful earth
-quake - the groves and marks
in the rocks being very numer
ous & nearly all perpendicular
give the sides of the precipices
very much the appearance of
basaltic columns when seen at
a little distance and will re
-mind the traveller amongst
the western isles of Scotland of
Staffa - Holwick is a small
tho' not a wretched village for
such a situation - I did not
observe more than half a doz
-en houses - There are many
beautiful little falls of from
5 to 20 feet on the river a
little above winch bridge - the
channel of the water being
exceedingly rocky - Winch bridge
did not appear to be more than
30 feet above the surface of
the water - The land in the
valley as far as Newbiggen on
both sides the water is highly

8. cultivated - perhaps one third ara-
-ble & two thirds meadow & pasture
A most capital breed of ponies
is produced amongst these hills
& I observed great numbers in
the fog where they were feeding
themselves as fat as porpuses.
The general character of these
horses seemed to be small
but thick & lively heads - strong
back & loins - round hind quar-
-ters - short legs - strong & short
jointed - in fine the most ser-
-viceable animals possible in
an hilly as perhaps any other
country — People were very busy
in getting in their potatoes &c
winter — I observed a vast num-
-ber of women employed in the
fields & but very few men whom
I supposed were engaged in mines
or other work — This put me
in mind of Scotland & also of
an observation I had occasion
to make in Wensleydale - that
the men liked Dairy farms be-
-cause the women had nearly
all the work to perform or
at least the greater part — and
the women disliked those farms
for the same reason - Amongst

the dales during this time of J.
the year the teams & carriages
are very much employed in lead
coals & peat to the houses for
winter fuel. a business altoge
ther necessary as it cannot be
performed in the depth of win
ter and happy indeed is that
poor family who shall have neg
lected this business. In no part
even the remotest corner of Tees
dale did I observe any peat
burnt. The inhabitants have
no occasion on acct of the
great quantity & good quality
of the Palatine coal — where
as in Newcydale coal is sel
dom burnt by the poor — The
country towards the famous cas
cade of the High force began
to loose its fine cultivated appear
ance & assume one more grand
& wild. Not far from the Force
I observed several of F. Fringilla
Montifringilla — The whole
scenery about this cataract is
grand & wonderful upon the sub
lime had it not too much
of the beautiful — I think
it superiar to all the falls

10. of England - Scotland or Wales that I have seen - the tremendous Foyers excepted - Its dimensions are variously given by Garland & Hutchinson but I think the latter is the most correct - In high floods here must be a scene capable of gratifying any mind and the water is never trifling - but in dry weather there is but one fall in raising two - between which rises a rock so grand so beautiful that with a poets license he must fix here the residence of the genius of the river & to which all who view it must pay a silent - secret awful reference - oak - birch ash & yew adorn the rocky here which are of themselves not only beautifully coloured but grotesquely & rudely formed - affording in places herbage for both sheep & goats The old gloomy yews here ramify have a very fine effect in the view - I took 3 sketches one distant to shew it general

situation in regard to the country - another with its single fall & a third with its double fall in time of flood - I endavoured to climb up its steepest precipiece & had got near the top was deterred by a bald projection reasoning upon the absurdity of breaking my neck then & returned but owing to this enterprising scheme I made a discovery to me very pleasing at the time as it opened a new interesting train of reflexions in my mind - All this part of the rock between the two falls consists of blue & veined limestone black veined marble filled with petrifactions like the Derbeyshire spar used for fire places - and a fine kind of slate but what chiefly delighted me was - in the surface of the solid rock of limestone & marble - I observed the most numerous & perfect petrifaction of cockles - oisters & muscles I ever saw - & one species of muscle or oister in particular which I did not before know to be British as it exactly resembled in size & form [illegible] - the famous pearl muscle figured &

12. described by Bruce in his travels Vol: 5. P. 219. the largest of the three figured in his excellent plate and which he says is chiefly found in the northern end of the Arabian Gulf & on the Egyptian side — It is of a large size & much elongated as it narrows towards the hinge - (see Bruce) - The Petrifactions alluded to were so perfect that even the silvery or pearly lining of the shell remained - I pruillently endeavoured to break some of them out of the rock but being in one huge gigantic mass with a plain surface I found it impossible — Let all Natural Philosophers who are not afraid of their necks visit these noble & very curious organic remains of a former world probably once formed in part by the ocean as distant as is now the Red Sea - many many thousands of years ago but now forming the head & precipice of one of the noblest cataracts in these our happy British Isles —

On the highest turret of the castellated rock near the edge of the precipice overlooking the Great Fall is a kind of natural chair in which I sat for a considerable time looking down upon the tumbling waters with awful delight — from this situation also may be enjoyed the finest view up & down the river — I shd think these rocks a fine aery for the Falco Peregrinus & I have not a doubt of their breeding here — the Yorkshire side of the river here is Rune Forest & consists of wild moorish mountains — Leaving the High force not without regret I proceeded up the river following its course by clambering over rocks & mountains — 'till the river wound round the bottom of Cronkley Scar — a haggard & lofty precipice on the Yorkshire side overlooking on the Durham side a fertile valley well cultivated & containing a few hamlets — here I descended & crossed the river twice in my way to Widdy Bank a single house the last we pass

14. the traveller sees the Cauldron Snout - here I was directed to cross over a mountain by a nearer road. The distance this way was full 2 miles & I was in constant danger of being bog-ged a wilder commonar moor I never crossed the scenery both near & afar off being one dreary dead waste of moor & mountain with no living objects except black faced sheep & almost innumerable quantities of moor game and on the craggy precipices to my left overtopping the river were numerous herds of goats - Allength & upon a sudden I came full upon the sublime cataract commonly called the Cauldron Snout In none of my travels have I seen a scene resembling it It is purely wild - unadorned & sublime in the full acceptation of that term - The Tees rises not many miles from hence out of the North eastern end of Cross Fell - as it gathers some small mountain streams & before it has flowed above 4 or 5 fine miles in arrives at a broad & deep bed

here the waters slumbering in a state of almost compleat inactivity scarcely seem to move nevertheless they imperceptively glide through a solitude - vast dreary & profound - where no animal or vegetable life that can enli-ven a picture exist or at least are very rarely seen - amidst the brown heaths & bleak moun-tains which frown over its glassy - stagnant black surface - all is silence and awe - 'tis an impressive scene & wants but the addition of ancient oaks sinking under a load of ages and bending their knotted trunks scarred with the thunder of many a storm over the sleepy pool - to be a perfect existing specimen of all that poets have feigned & painters drawn of the infernal Styx - I confess it strongly affected me & bade me to recollect the strange opi-nion of ye first visitors to the Bri-tish isles of those parts which were not explored & which is detailed with so much simpli-city & superstition by Holin-shed or Verstegan - I sarely

16. remember which - from hence compelled by the secret - certain & irresistable laws of nature the reluctant waters quit the drenchy pool & are instanly hurled down the craggy & murdrous precipice of a mountain where they are dashed with headlong fury from point to point - from cavern to cavern for several hundred feet - awakening the affrighted echoes in their cells by their loud & convulsive cries. 'tile arrived in the bed appointed for them - they collect their scattered particles and with more than ordinary speed hasten from the horrid disturber of their repose - To heighten the sublimity of this scene is a foot bridge across the chasm near the top of the cataract for the convenience of the solitary shepherd or miner passing that way - it is formed of two long & very thick pieces of timber thrown across & railed on each side - It is perfectly secure - I had scarcely seen it when I observed a shepherd up collecting her flocks - wishing to ask some questions I made

towards her in a run - I sup-
-posed she was alarmed - My dress
was different from what she had
been accustomed to see for one thing
& perhaps my ardour for another -
She ran with a swiftness I have
seldom seen exerted by a female
her flocks & dog ran also - and
wishg to convince her of the mis
-take she evidently laboured under
I pursued her with all speed
The chase was a fine one over
the hills but I was vanquished
by the fair one so far that I
resolved to give up the pursuit
& return - as I had a drawg
to make & the sun was de
-clining - However to make
some amends I put her with
her crook her dog & flock in
the foreground of my picture -
Almost opposite to the cataract
maise beck seperates Yorkshire
from Westmorland so that in
a few seconds - the traveller may
here be in three counties - There
are quantities of Trout in the
sleepy pool of the river before
mentioned - called the Wheel &
a few Eels - The circumstance of
trout being found in such
places as this is another

18. striking proof of the various changes this world has undergone they must here & in all such places be aboriginees - No mention is made in scripture of the preservation of Fish by Noah or with him - Let some consideration be bestowed on this interesting subject and let those who contend for the truth of the narrative of the deluge as related in the Book of Moses. remember - that to contain a pair of all the animals known at this day - it ~~would~~ require a machine almost infinitely larger than the ark as described - If the size of the ark as described be maintained with ability (but how I know not) it is certainly a proof of the locality of the deluge as a smaller number of animals would then require preservation - against this again may be urged the almost positive proof of the deluge in every known part of the world - however one like me allowing his imagination to work upon apparent facts would say that these proofs

& remains which consist 19.
almost entirely of petrifactions
& mineral & fossil productions
which are found all over
the world are not the effects
of a deluge but the remains
of a former & an older world
now modelled into the pre-
sent creation - after lying
fallow in a state of chaos
even before the days of Adam
our great Progenitor - such
as one before he entered into
any serious disquisition would
require the profound investiga-
tors of Natural Philosophy &
the able chymist, to shew
to him that, a body of waters
vast & miraculous - as they were
matured & subsided - breaking
up plains - overturning rocks
-tains crashing woods & forests
and in short reversing the
whole face of nature by a de-
vastation sublime & miracu-
-lous beyond even the highest
flight of human thought, had
the power in their progress
& effects - to bring about the
changes & compounds of matter
we daily see in ye mineralogical

world — But to return. I did not hear of any trout being taken either here or in the river of a greater weight than 1 ℔. The Sea Eagle (I judge it to be that species from it size & prey) sometimes visit this stagnant river for the sake of fishing. Its appearance must be in perfect union & character with the scenery — A little beyond the Cauldron Snout are a few hamlets — one or more of which is called Birkdale — My Uncle Willm once told me a curious anecdote respecting this neighborhood & a funeral — to write to him for it — Having gone a little way towards the source of the Tees through the solitary waste before mentioned & being fully satisfied with the view of the tremendous cataract by the way I came as far as Widdy bank — I called here again to enquire if there was any house in the neighbourhood at which I could obtain refreshment finding myself somewhat weary with the violent exercise I had taken in climbing & rambling over the mountains where

were no beaten tracks - the 21.
mistress of the house & a shepperd-
ess came to the door - I was ins-
tantly invited in & in a few
minutes some of the richest
milk I ever drank - butter-
cheese & bread all that the house
afforded was set before me with
a kindness & hospitality I shall
never forget - nor have I often
enjoyed a meal so fully - when
I had done I found my two
females (no man appeared a-
bout the premises & I thought
of Ledyard's just remark) very
busy near a cupboard in a
corner of the room & whispering
- they were mixing a glass of hot
spirit & water with sugar - &
presented it to me with numer-
ous apologies for having no-
thing better to offer - I could
not insult them by refusing
tho' the spirit was kept in
the house in case of necessity
as a medicine - I had a long
conversation with these inno-
cent pleasing women & we
were evidently mutually plea-
sed with each other they young
shepperdess gave me here

whole history told me that as she tended her flocks upon the mountains how often & how ardently she sighed after a better knowledge of the world & how she longed to travel & in particular to London - Alas! poor girl, she little knew of the vice - the misery & absolute iniquity that dwells in every avenue of the crowded metropolis - this I urged to her - she was tender hearted & generous & of a complexion - that I did not dare to give the least encouragement or from she said I have not a doubt but she would have followed me to London - as she declared nothing could or should deter her from following one she loved over all the world - she wanted me to go over the mountains about 2 miles to her mothers house to sleep all night - yet the poor girl was pure & innocent in her intentions beyond any doubt - The name of this charming - interesting girl was Jeany, & to all the Language of the great

the dear, the immortal Burns
"Is there in human form that
bears a heart
A Wretch, a villain lost to love
& truth
That can with studied, sly ensnar
ing art
Betray sweet Jeanny's unsuspect
ing youth — &c &c

It was with great reluctance I tore myself from this humble this hospitable roof but the day was fast declining — as the mistress of the house would take no money I was obliged to give some to a little daughter of hers play — upon the hearth & yet unaccustomed to that source & spring of all corruption — From hence I walked to Moor Rigg — the lone public house on a moor 2 miles distant at which it is usual to hire a guide — but I took none in any part of my tour. By far the most agreeable method of travelling is by a map & compass & in no part of a tour however intricate to take a guide — by this means you frequently &c

beauties that escape the no-tice of ordinary travellers – From hence I returned to Middleton to a late dinner after a walk of nearly 30 miles reckoning my deviations – Nearly the whole of the land on this (the Durham side) side of Teesdale in my route belongs to the Earl of Darlington who is too much occupied with his sporting views to bestow that attention upon it – which the good quality of the land merits – The vallies are fertile & many of the hills even the Dreary moor-lands would produce useful timber – The Yorkshire & West-moreland side chiefly belongs to the Earl of Strathmore another sporting Lord that pays little attention to the improvement of his estates – The tennants here as in most other parts of the coun-try possessed by large landholders where I have travelled grievously complain of the state of their houses – No allowance

being made in their takes for repairs &c — They have naturally an objection to laying out money upon an uncertainty of enjoying the benefit — The Landlard requires constant & long application before he can at his steward will even consider the matter & then they generally refuse — rather choosing to have an old tenant than render his habitation a fit residence even for a tender horse — Men of great landed property have also, at least generally, a desire to let out large farms, in order to save trouble — thereby cutting up the beauty of a country by small farms — The superior benefit of small & large farms to a country in general appears to me to rest on this simple question — Can a man pay as much attention to 50 acres as he can to two? — In most instances throughout the country a very cursory observer may distinguish the houses of freeholders — that is small freeholders & their land also from those of great landholders by their superior appearance — I hope they are on the increase as I am

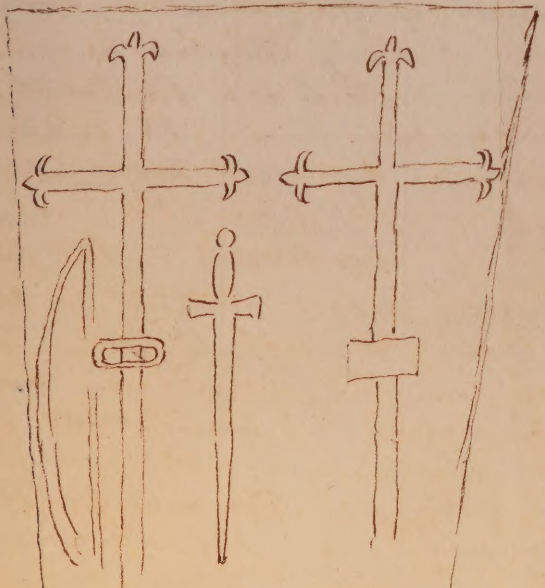
26. persuaded the country will then be materially benefitted — A Monopoly of land has the same bad effects that proceed from a monopoly of corn or any other marketting commodity — Except in this Dale & near Markle I have no where observed Yew trees growing in an apparently & doubtfully an indigenous state — by the size & method of growth of those amongst the crags & cliffs of Tees Dale I think the reasons in the Gentleman's Mag: for the year 1790 absolutely vague & unfounded — The breed of Galloways I observed in this Dale & described before are very far superior to those I mentioned at Wanes Fair — I cannot but remark the curious method the owners of the herds of unhaltered ponies you see in the Fairs — adopt in order to carry them thro' a mob — a huge barbarian of a man with excellent lungs & capable of making himself properly heard — runs in amongst the people filling up every street &

avenue - making a roar so
loud & hideous - at the same
time waving his hat in one
hand & a stick in the other
& setting a most terrific face
with the violent effort of roaring
that the mob alarmed at his
approach gave way on every
side leaving a broad & free passage
for the equally affrighted gallo-
ways who completely out of
their element follow in a body
close at the heels of the man
& screaming being driven by
men behind appointed for
the occasion — I never saw
so complete - sudden & effectu-
al a method of forcing a mob
Being rather fatigued I wished
to enjoy one of the happiest days
of my life again in reflexion
I resolved to stay at Middleton
all night —

159th Day — Oct. 24. — Immediately after breakfast I left Middleton a large straggling vil-
lage that enjoys some kind
of petty market on Saturdays
& crossed the Tees by stepping
stones close by the town to

28. wards Romaldkirk by a dif=
=ferent way from that by which
I came - going all the way on
the Yorkshire side passing thro
Middleton a large straggling
village - The whole way well
cultivated - Arrived at Romald=
=kirk I visited the church - At
the North end of the cross aisle in
the eastern corner lies the figure
of one of the Fitzhughs - The sta=
=tue is rather less than the
middle size - dressed in a coat
of mail like chain work
not armour - in the act of
drawg - his sward - his feet
rest agt a lion couchant but
his legs are not crossed - The
Glass in the windows has
been richly painted but now
little remains & that little
much mutilated & defaced - There
is a tomb of a rector as it is
supposed near the altar that
has had an elegant brass in=
=scription round the edge & let
into the stone together with a
brass figure in the centre but
a great part of the inscription

being tore away the meaning could not be fully made out tho' the letters were perfectly legible. About the middle of the northern part of the cross aisle was the following - stone as well as I could make it out being nearly concealed by pews - I could not discover any inscription



The lower part of the stone obscured by pews —

30. The Church is large & the style of Architecture as near as I could tell that of the age of Henry 7th — My walk to Cothers-stone abt 2 miles very sweet — saw the ruins of what is said to have been a Castle of the Fitzhughs most delightfully and romantically situated upon a hill at the confluence of the Bawder with the Tees — I scarcely know a sweeter situation — I have no doubt & there can be none that it was a residence of the Fitzhughs but it was no castle but a large hall — & tho' very lately the eminence upon which it stood was called Hall garth hill — The ruins now there are very small being only the foundations of some strong walls & a few upright masses — However let it be remembered that the ancient halls of the nobility & gentry were built like fortifications — An intelligent inhabitant of the present very large & straggling village of Cothers-tone informed me that the old town was situated close

to the old Castle as it has been called - On the opposite side of the Mouth of the Baulder in ploughing a field some few years ago a number of coins were found near a spot where as tradition says formerly stood a kind of nunnery or religious house belonging to the Hall - A considerable number were found but one person the tenant or owner of the land upon which they were found had the greater number of them & he was not at home I however saw two at a house in Cotherstone one of Henry the 3rd with the word Turci now rare - and a Roman coin very perfect in the inscription but unfortunately without the marginal letters which appeared to have been cut off - Them I could not purchase - It appears to me from the present state of Teesdale that it was well cultivated & very populous from very old time - I walked from Lune to Barnard Castle by the river side & never had a pleasanter ramble - I would recommend

all tourists travelling this way to take this walk — I know not where he will find so many romantic beauties crowded in an equal space rock — wood — water & mountain shew themselves in every diversity of picturesque group and ever & anon as the river winds he catches glimpses of the town & antiquities of Barnard Castle thro' vistas in the trees — It was on this delightful walk that I finally resolved to publish my "Illustrations of British Zoology" — & to dedicate it to my Uncle James to whom I chiefly owe all my present enjoyments. Wishing to reach Rutt this night I sent a note to Mr Hutchinson the Antiquarian excusing my not calling according to promise on the Acct of opening the tomb in Marrik abbey. this being the day appointed — After dinner I left Barnard Castle for Brown 4 miles — the road nearly all the way lying up hill & from its situation & straight direction I

have no doubt but it follows the line & bed of the old Roman road between these two places — The land all the way in tolerable cultivation — The ruins of Bowes Castle are seen at two miles distance from it — Bowes is one of the most miserable places I was ever in & consists of but one irregularly built & dirty street apparently not quite half a mile long — It is situated in a very open country scarcely any timber abt it & beyond it Stanemoor's wintry waste is seen to extend itself westward as far as the eye can reach — I put up at one Rudds the Ship Inn in the place but got a wretched dish of tea — Expecting to be highly gratified I made great haste to see the church which is a small but ancient building in bad repair — Over the Porch on the south side — is a small piece of sculpture in Basso relievo representing a crucifixion tolerably well executed for the time in which it has been done

34. Nearly the whole of the pave-
ment in the inside consists
of ancient & very curious grave
stones but broken & mutilated
into a thousand different shapes
I know not when my indig-
nation has been more roused
I wrote it in terms most bitter
to the clergy who certainly ought
not to have the power since
they seem to have the incli-
nation to commit these out-
rages whenever a piece of flag
has been wanted or a new
pease dug these curious speci-
mens of antiquity have been
broken up in the most wanton
manner - Out of great num-
bers I could make none out
with certainty - upon one in
particular was a dog at the
foot of a cross in bas relief fi-
-ly executed at the other end
of the same stone there seemed
to be something else in relief
but it was thrust under a pew
& could not be seen - at the
other end of the church upon a stone was
cut a bow & bugle horn

with a staff &c — in rude 35.
sculpture which doubtless rested
over some sleeping hunter
of ancient days but now
thrown by at the mercy of
a barbarous sexton — curious
stones with swords & cropes
lay scattered about the entire
pavement — The windows have
contained painted glass but that
together with the who church
seemed going to ruin — I left
it in violent indignation — I
next expected to see the tomb
mentioned by Garland in his
tour as already executed to be
placed over the real Edwin
& Emma of Mallet but al-
-tho' executed long ago & money
sufficient subscribed — it is not
& perhaps now never will be
raised over those hapless lovers
who lie interred in the yard
close to the west end of the
church — I walked over their
graves full of pleasing yet
melancholy sensations — I
next visitted the Castle wh
is very near the church — It
is certainly a very ancient

36. edifice & exceedingly well built tho' such a heavy & dull map of building as by no means to make a good drawg – It is a square of 18 by 12 f my paces and the walls are so thick that they appear quite monstrous in so small an area – they are nearly 4 yds thick – I question whether it has ever been any larger or not on acct of its being round & no remains of other buildings appear – the walls appear to be built by forming two parallel & well jointed stone walls at the proper distance from each other and then filling up the intermediate space with rubbish & strong cement – I can make an accurate drawg of it from Hutchinson's little vignette & my notes & recollection – The whole of this place is dapic ground tho' from like the abode of swine I hastened from it with more disgust than delight and pro

= ceded on my journey
Keith - 12 miles distant as dark
= ness of night began to fall
This was a bad act as the
first part of this road is most
difficult to find for 8 miles
there are no tracks over a
dreary waste of heath & bl-
the unfortunate stranger tra
= vel to the westward he may
never more see his friends &
his home as there are nothing
but moors of vast & unmea
= sured extent amongst which
the celebrated Stanemoor has
the preeminence for vast &
sterile extent - It was dark
& a wonder that I was not
lost but my good fortune &
some little geographical know
= ledge of the county saved me
in spite of the predictions of
the Bonnie people before I sat
out - I had never had a more
disagreeable walk than this
in my life - over moors & moun
= tains & thro mists - I however
arrived safe in Arkendale &
from thence the road was
good & easy to Ripon -

38. 160th Day. / Found a Par-
Oc: 25. -cel from York
which contained the musical
Opera of the Cabinet for which
I had written as a present for
the charming Miss T. I imme-
-diately dispatched it to Bolton
Castle - In my sisters letter
were many sage & prudent
pieces advice induced by my
writing for the inclosed &c
I could have dispensed with
Do these marks of affection
ever produce the desired end? -
I remained in the house
the whole of this day drawg
& writing -

161st Day / Remained in the
Oc: 26. house the whole
of this day also drawg - wri-
-ting and reading -

162nd Day. / Sunday - Went to
Oc: 27. - meeting - read all
afternoon - Drank tea at Geo:
Rawes a great deal of small
conversation on Politics - Fryer
takes care to read all the time -

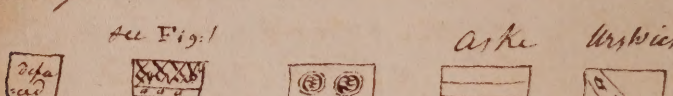
163rd Day / Spent this day
Oc: 28. in reading - writing drawing and thinking on my future literary plans -

164th Day / Wrote all morng
Oc: 29. - In the afternoon - the Parson being drunk in bed and unable to attend us - Fryer & I went by ourselves to open the tomb in Marrick Abbey But not havg proper crows for the raising of the massy stone lying over the nun we were obliged to give the business up for the present after an unsuccessful attempt - At the east end of the north aisle lies the greater part of a gigantic figure of a Knight dressed in a coat of mail with his feet resting agt a lion & lying upon a tomb at the west end of which are these arms -

Neville

a cross ing rail'd

40. The east end & south side are against the walls & only about half the length of the monument remaining I could discern no other escutcheons on the north side besides the following



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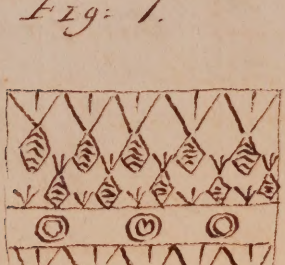


The figure bears upon his 3rd the arms of the house of Aske There can be no doubt but that this is the tomb of the Founder Roger de Aske — On the opposite corner of the same aisle lies a mutilated figure of a

female upon another tomb without escutcheons tho' doubt-
-less his lady — What has a very
ludicrous effect — the hips & part
of the thighs of the knight have
-been broken off in a remo-
-val or breaking up of these
tombs & the lady being with-
out they are attached to her
figure — It is a pity this curious
monument has been so mu-
-tilated & defaced — In the East
window finely painted are the
arms of Scroope — of Neville
& one unknown a barrier
of 7 — azure & or; —
The whole of this church will
very shortly be down — Inscrip-
-on on the tomb we wish to take
up —

✠ Sub iacit Petra | monie
Alis Ycabella | soror
Tome Podla | de bar
Aucht

42. We had some Ale at the vil-
-lage of Marrick which is strag-
-gling upon a hill top half
a mile beyond the abbey eastwd.
in a bleak situation - The pub-
-lic house is a poor one but
what is remarkable the wo-
-man who keeps this misera-
-ble pot house is own sister
to Mrs Hutton of Marske
mother to John H Esqr. now
living in the utmost splen-
-dour - Mrs H was a cook
at Brough hill & when old
Mr H went to the fair
there on a certain time
he got to bed to her she
being a remarkable fine
woman got her with child
liked her - Kept her a long
time & when she had done
breeding or nearly so mar-
-ried her - This swarry j - of
inferiors after keeping them
as mistresses seems to have
been the failing of the squires
of these dales witness - Hutton,
Chaytor, Herrington &c

165th Day. Wrote & drew all
Ce: 30. afternoon when I
accompanied Fryer who was
going to Ly burn as far as
Grinton where he went for
=wards & I went to visit the
ancient encampment here
called Maiden Castle to take
its dimensions &c — It is cer
=tainly a wonderful piece of an
=tiquity is at the elevation
of several hundred feet above
the river at the bottom of
the valley upon a barren moor
& nearly exactly opposite to the
village of Melaton — Its situa
=tion facing to the North is
very remarkable — From its
unequal form & situation I
think it cannot be a Roman
work - perhaps it may be
more ancient as it very well
suit the descriptions we have
had handed down to us of
the towns of the ancient Bri
=tons — I have almost a firm
belief in this conjecture — My
draw I will shew the form

44. pretty correctly - the avenue approaching it from the east to the only entrance it has ~~entered~~ is 125 of my paces long and 8 wide - This avenue is formed many walls rudely formed which have been over-thrown tho' in several places part of them still remain upright - Them walls have been vastly thick in most places the ruins are 10 yards thick or wide - The fortification itself is 120 paces long & 100 wide in the broadest space - and 420 in circumference - It is surrounded on all sides by a noble mound except on the north side which is open & formed very like the edge of a theatrical stage next the audience The highest of these mounds are on the south side & as near as I could estimate the largest is 24 feet high above the area & the next to that 20 feet - The rest above the

bottom of the moat about 12 feet — Strong walls have been erected along the top of these mounds all round and what remains of these now measure abt 8 feet thick — On the North side where there is no mound the moat or ditch is very deep — From the ruins it evidently appears that along this now open part also a strong wall once stood & from the steep declivity of the mountain towards the river on this side I doubt not but this part which now appears the weakest was the strongest in a complete state of fortification as the mountain behind to the southward rises abruptly & far overtops the highest mound — In some parts particularly in the foundations of the walls the stones used in building are very massy — The neighbouring peasantry afford such abundance

of stones that they would not have to go far for materials — This must have been a most secret & secure retreat when all this part of the country was one continued & almost impenetrable forest — even now the view from this place is wild & romantic over mountain — The only entrance as I before observed is on the east side & here the moat is filled up by a kind of bridge of stones — but probably this may have been formed by the ruins — I cannot tell whether the little round building marked in my map is a part of the ancient fortification or only a sheep fold — it appears ancient — In making out an accurate act of this curious place I should observe that 10 of my paces average 10 yards & five feet measured — and also that about half a mile east from this place is a long high & straight mound

thrown up & extending nearly across the valley. May not this have been part of the works of an enemy perhaps the romans attacking the fortress described —

166th Day / Wrote all the morning — In the Afternoon sat out for Bolton Castle — Delightful walk over the moors ruminating on the future & the step I was abt to take my disagreable & too well known sensations on approaching the castle — see old Tennant in the yard — bluntly & rather gravely asked in — my sweet Bess — looked charmingly Oldovell Tennant comes in from shooting — a good natured rather agreable wild harum & earum fellow — I remain in the house all the day but unfortunately have few or no opportunities with the lovely Bess — tho' I sat up very late with that view

167th Day — Nov: 1. / After breakfast I went out a shooting with Ott: to Sorrow Sykes an estate of old Tenn's. We staid out 'till 40' clock in the afternoon hav'g but indiffer=ant success we only got one hare — Bessy looked more lovely than ever on our return — Old I wanted much to lett the farm men=tioned above to me — I hu=moured him a little abt it in order to get into his good graces for Bessy's sake Ott: stuck so close to me that this day neither could I get the privacy with her I so much wished for —

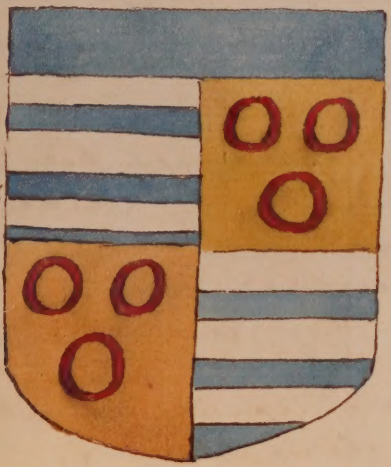
168th Day — Nov: 2. / This morning I took my departure still without the so much de=sired opportunity — but I had promised Fryer to be at Rich=mond in the course of the day — Otto: accompanied me with his gun as far as Bol=ton hall — adjoining the

Park I had the good fortune to shoot a fine Woodcock by a difficult shot amongst trees. This bird I afterwards made a present of to Mrs Chaytor of Croft. I dined at Leyburn & arrived in Richmond early in the afternoon I found Rhyn rather merry. He this day had a drinking about A o'clock in the morning much to my sorrow afterwards. We first visited Ward the Druggist who is esteemed a good botanist at his house we drank far too much which set us a going & the mathematician the historian & the botanist parted not from one publick house to another till all three were far gone in the service of Bacchus as for the mathematician he became so tipsy we were obliged to support him & prevent him from falling as he staid

169th Day Nov: 3. / Rose with an abominable head ach & my breakfast made me sick all the consequence of the last nights folly - I sat out however with Fryer who rode, to walk to Croft near Darlington - We went by Scorton & called upon Mr Heaton there with whom we dined & spent a very agreable afternoon - he is a natural son of the late Earl Grosvenor - has been a sailor & is a wild rattling dog lately married to a very nice girl a Miss King - his sister in law is one of the finest girls I ever saw in my life - her face is very fine. We staid here 'till late in the evening when we proceeded towards Croft - where we arrived a little after 8 o'clock & immediately went to Col. Chaytors house we found there Tim Hutton & his wife from Clifton Castle - We were very hospitably entertained

171st Day. Nov.r 5. / Was knocked up early by Fryer returned from Staindrop. Went into the church. In a window of the south aisle —

Opposite Clairvaux's Tomb



Azure in chief

3 Amulets on a field Or; —

argent azure

The yellow field of the amulets is so deep that I cannot tell whether or not 'tis meant for an orange as it approaches red —

S. West corner of the Steeple

S. east corner of the Steeple

R. P {In old eng: character} T. C.

For Rich.d Clairvaux

51. In the south aisle stands a large table monument to the memory of Richard Clarvaux who was armour bearer to Henry 6th round the edge of the table is the following Inscription in old English characters

Clervaux Ricardus jacet hic sub Marmare Clausus.
Crofte quondam dominus huic misereve deus;
Armiger Henrici regis pro corpare sceti.
Quem deus excelsi duxit ad alta poli;
Sanctimus Edwardi quarti tertii que Ricardi,
Quad ibius interius alter utro que fuit.
Qui obiit An: Dom. 1490.

In the centre of the Steple on the South side is this stone ——

The inscription as it is engraven round the edge of the monument — 55

✠ Clervaux Ricardus jacet hic sub marmore clausus / Crofte quondam Dnūs hic miserere Deus / Armig Henrici Regis pro corpore sexti / Quem deus excelsi duxit ad altra poli / Sanctimus Edwardi quarti tertii que Ricardi / Heroidibus interius alter utrique fuit / Qui dum ✠

A.D. 1490

West

South

North

The upper or tabile part of this tomb is made of the hard & black marble filled with petrifactions resembling ye Derbyshire & which is found in such great plenty through out the bed of the river Tees.

East

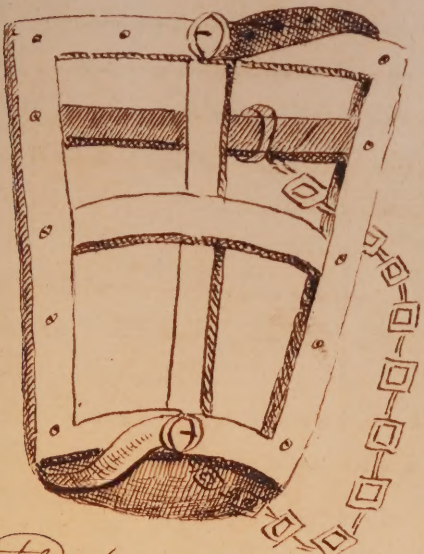
56. The east & west ends bear the same device which is as follows

The North & South sides do not bear the same devices as these are as follow

North side

Below the sketch of the South side I have given an accurate sketch of the singular device at the Acorns which I suppose to be a badge of office

Fourth Side



I am told by a very good Antiquarian of heraldry that he never met with this device before. It may be a Quiver for arrows or a frame to be covered with mail for the breast. It certainly must be meant as a badge of

of an office of Armour bear-
er — In the corner of the
opposite aisle, the north, is a
heavy ridiculous table monu-
ment to Sir Ralf Millbank
over a very large family vault
banners and pieces of Jalse ar-
mour with his spurs are
suspended in solemn pomp
over it — at the west end
against the wall is a mar-
ble monument executed by J.
Banks in memory of Sr J
Millbank of some elegance
The stalls by the altar have
more ornament about them
than I have usually seen
They are ancient & the archi-
tecture Gothic with many
decorations — Many parts
of the church appear to be
very ancient & it has doubt-
less been repaired almost into
new one — Both Fryer & I were
of opinion that it would be
no difficult matter to place
pair of horns on Chaplain
head with a little pains

We set out for Neath abt
10 o'clock and went by the way
of Middelton Tyas & Richmond
We called at Halnaby the seat
of Sir Ralph Milbanke but at
which none of the family
have been for 3 years. The es
tate is extensive I believe
about £6000 P Ann: & the
house a noble one & well
situated - it seems remarka
bly well contrived in respect
to the size & disposition of
the rooms - I was in hopes
of finding some good pictures
but I only noticed the fol
lowing - A fine Portrait of
Prior - as I take it the origi
nal from which Vertue's print
was taken - by Vanderbank
Decit - 1732 - An holy family
tolerably fine which from the
style should seem to be Guer
chino's - A Cleopatra small
on copper very soft & beauti
ful - A good small portrait
of Shakespeare - 2 foreign views
of towns I believe Venetian
There were many family por

60. traits & other pictures of no great value of which I could obtain no information from the old woman of the house The rooms are richly decorated and the stables are built in front of the house after the old fashion — From here we proceeded to Richmond passing thro Middleton Tyas — At a public house by the side of the great North road we stopped and took a glass of rum & milk each — Here Fryer was again very importunate for me to write a life of the celebrated Joseph Reed promising to furnish me with anecdotes &c — He alledged as a reason for his not doing it himself that I was more accustomed to writing than himself We arrived at Richmond to a very late dinner Looked into Hayhams Catalogue of Cumberland Animals that were here — but was disappointed I thought that a man might produce something better after

so many years experience 61.
as the Dr seems to have had
We sat out for Leith late
& did not arrive 'till 12 o'clock

172nd Day Nov: 6. / Found that Jos^a
Blakey & his wife
from Wensleydale had ar
rived the preceding day
Read - wrote & drew this day
In the evening Geo: Rawes family came to tea

173rd Day Nov: 7. / Remained in the
house drawing, wri
-ting & reading all day 'till even
-ing when I accompanied the
Blakey's & Mrs Fryer to Geo
Rawes where we drank tea
& staid 'till supper - 'tis
amazing what a great way
a little wit goes in such
an assemblage as was then
& then present —

174th Day Nov: 8. / The Blakey's
returned into
Wensleydale immediately after
dinner and they were no
sooner gone than Fryer &
I sat out for Leyburn. This
evening is a memorable one
to me for on our way just

62. as we reached the middle of the bridge we met the Richmond post who informed us of the splendid victory over the combined fleets and of the never to be forgotten death of Lord Nelson. I as an individual could not restrain my tears on the occasion and I believe throughout the whole kingdom more sorrow will be felt for his loss than joy at the victory however glorious - Perhaps the death of no single person ever occasioned so much general mourning - He has long been the Idol of this contry & the dread of France - For my part I walked all the way to Leyburn occupied with the most melancholy yet the most exulting reflexions occasioned by the foregoing disastrous yet glorious event — Arrived at Leyburn we found a large company of the neighbouring gentry who having attended the market on this day had there heard for the first time of this great victory & loss - The scene in the room where they sat was highly ludicrous - they had all or most of them got drunk on the joyful occasion of the victory and ever & anon shouted & cheered

but between every shout a 63
dead pause occurred & the whole
company sobbed aloud for the
loss of the great Nelson - Though
the occasion was solemn or at
least no subject for laughter it
was impossible to resist smiling
at a scene so eccentric - I was
this evening introduced to the Revd
Mr Custobody - Rector of Wensley
who raised my indignation by
endeavouring to discourage my gt
undertaking by absurdly enlarging
the field of research - by making
many foolish - and ridiculous ob
servations and by observing that
it was the very rock on which
Dr Townson had split - together
with a great deal of similar
nonsence - I told him merely
in reply of Alexanders reply to
Parmenio & that my motto
was "aut Cæsar aut nihil" - I like
wise saw Col. Maude & Mr
Hoy the architect of Richmond -
It had been my intention to
go down to Wensley but finding
Maude drunk I deferred my visit
'till Sunday according to invi
tation - I supped at Ly burns
returned with Fryer to bed
about midnight -

175th Day. Nov: 9. | Fryer went to Richmond market this day and I employed the morning in writing to my lovely Bess and making her a certain proposal — In the afternoon I went to Grinton Church to Copy the Arms of Swale & some others — Fryer has since told me that the arms of the house of Swale are argent 3 Stags heads sable — the painted glass in the church is exactly the reverse — doubtless a mistake of the bungling artist — In the sides of the North aisle are six windows — in one of them there is a female figure in splendid robes with a ducal crown upon her head — In another is a figure as I take it of Moses somewhat mutilated — The mutilated crucifixion in the East Window has been remarkably fine — As I returned I made some observations on the inhabitants (the miners) and the country immediately about Reeth — The miners are generally tall & all strong muscular men tho' not particularly stout nor

of very healthy appearance in the face — They wear a kind of shirt or jerkin over their cloaths made of coarse linen or canvas — It has sleeves — is made about the neck like a shirt but does not come much lower down than the waist — On their feet they wear very formidable clogs so large — loose & ponderous that they give their wearers a peculiarly clumsy & awkward gait in walking — They must be worn large & loose because the soles when made of thick wood & shod with iron cannot spring or be in any degree elastic — There is more iron put round the soles of these clogs than is used in the shoes or plates of race horses indeed it is nailed on & is formed in a similar manner — The wages of this class of Labourers are good & are paid generally monthly or at least in considerable sums this is occasioned by the scarcity of small change which must be obtained if the men are paid weekly — The men in consequence with their families are obliged weekly to go in debt to the shops for their necessary provisions — The canal about

66. Teeth is chiefly meadow & pasture land that lets very high as high as £ 1 ⅌ acre very little corn grown here - The hill sides are generally in-closed but the tops are brown heathy wastes scarcely afford-ing sustenance to the Black faced sheep that dwell upon them — As Mrs Fryer & I sat at supper in came a pu-pil from Newcastle of the name of Gibson who is as old as Fryer himself though now coming to study Navi-gation he being intended as a Captain of a Whale fisher - he had been two voyages and this evening told me several curious anecdotes — Whales some-times escape after being wound-ed by the harpoons and these generally if not always die of their wounds - The monster of the deep is no sooner incapa-ble of defence or flight and is dead than he is attacked

by his various enemies who eagerly contend for his huge carcase sometimes a dead whale of vast dimensions may be seen jammed close between two floating mountains of ice and upon his back which is out of the water a pair or sometimes more of the polar bears so exquisitely described by Thompson may be seen ravenously employed in devouring that part of the mighty dead whilst at the same time under water his bully is furiously assaulted by a troop of sharp, lean hungry & gaunt who incessantly dart at the huge carcase with certain & irresistable aim - each time separating a considerable lump of flesh with their cruel jaws - Sometimes a desperate conflict ensues amongst the sharks and sometimes an unfortunate whale previously wounded by the fishers & scarcely

68. able to defend itself is attacked while yet alive by the bears and sharks who presently put an end to the tortures of the poor fish by inflicting still greater and additional ones— I conceive much valuable information in Natural History might be obtained from a voyage to Greenland or Davis's straight which might be performed in five or six months and for a reasonable expence and consequently any man of a little leisure has a most agreeable excursion in reserve— Davis's straight I think is to be preferred to Greenland— A bird which from his description must have been the Red pole alighted on the shrouds perfectly weary & was caught by him when very near the straight it soon became tame & rewarded him by many little attentions, such as sitting upon his head, &c during breakfast or reading &c

176th Day. Nov: 10. I was engaged this day to dine with Col: Maud at Wensley I persuaded Fryer to accompany me - We went over the moors towards Bolton Castle as I had written an important letter to the lovely Betsy which I wanted to have delivered - accordingly when we arrived within an hundred yards of the same I dispatched Fryer with it whilst I walked slowly on to Redmire waiting for him to overtake me which he did in less than a quarter of an hour - He told me that Betsy appeard gratified on hearing from whom it came which of course delighted me but she did not open it in his presence - Heaven knows what will be the result. Fryer being exceedingly foot sore & tired we proceeded very slowly towards Wensley where we arrived about 2 o'clock - The Col: receiving us very politely - He gave us an excellent dinner & at his table we met the modest & intelligent Mr. Humphrey of Wensley a Mr. [illegible] an adjutant in the

70. Loyal Dales Volunteers – a heavy dull silly sleepy fellow & also a Mr Clarkson of West Witton another officer in the same corps – Before dinner I amused myself by looking over Latham's birds in which I found an acct of my Swallowtailed Falcon which it seems is a native of Peru & Carolina – Lathams description is very far from being correct —— Col: Maude was so obliging as to lend me several old letters that were found at Nappa – the same which he had sent to Dr Townson all of which it is my intention to copy – We spent a very pleasant afternoon Col Maud is a very agreable man & one who has seen a good deal of the world – he has a little hesitation in his speech that is not disagreable – It is a singular circumstance that tho' Perch are very common in the Ure below the ford near Middleham none are ever found above it – Col: Maude shot a fine specimen of the Great

Snipe under Leyburn shawl a few years ago. It should seem from this that they migrate as it was a very singular & unusual situation for a bird of this species or genus. Sparrows only plentiful in corn countries I recollect my uncle William observing that there were none in Raydaleside — In the evening we proceeded to the Cote a large farm on which Mr Tennants eldest son resides it is a mile from Wensley Fryer rode - his horse having been sent after him & I walked as usual — We found Edd. Tennant Junr at home also his sister Rebecca a nice little plump lass & his brother Ottovell the parson - we were kindly received & hospitably entertained insomuch that we were induced to stay all night Fryer & I were bedfellows —

177th Day Nov: 11. / After breakfast we returned towards Reeth passing over the dreary

72. moors between Leyburn & Swale dale - Good coals got on this moor near the Cote - It was a very thick mist so much so that we could not see above 20 yards before us. and were nearly wet through - I had the satisfaction to see several of the Emberiza Nivalis for the first time upon the road picking amongst the dung - They are beautiful birds very common on the Northern & the North western moors of Yorkshire where they uniformly appear first on the high roads — To request my uncle to kill & send me some to describe — I observed to day in the Gent. Mag for 1787 - an acct. of Hedghogs killing black beetles in the house a circumstance which 'till now I thought had been known only to myself —

178th Day / Nov: 12. Confined chiefly to the house - nothing particular read - wrote & drew all the day -

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179th Day / Nov: 13. My business of this day similar to the last except receiving an agreeable letter from York. J. F. Jun.

180th Day. Nov. 14. This afternoon accompanied by Dyer I went to visit Mr Walls works in Arkendale — In consequence of that gentleman's exertions & very superior management of the mining company's concern this Dale has lately become extremely populous and its inhabitants and houses still continue to increase — I believe it is considered that the lead mines of Arkendale are some of the oldest in the Kingdom if not completely so — but some years ago owing to the veins being lost the gentry proprietors and mining adventurers of this district became discouraged & relinquished their works altogether much to the injury of the poorer classes of the community who while them had enjoyed at least a comfortable existence through the profits attendant on their employ as miners — To paint the distress of many poor families ruined & driven to emigration would now serve no purpose in this place — Let it suffice that within late years the spirit of mining enterprize has been revived with more ardour than ever

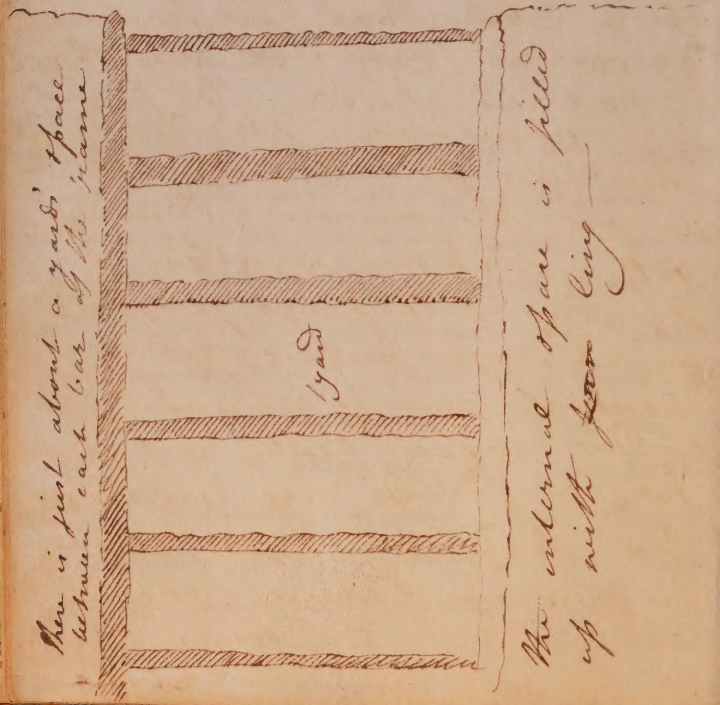
11. As being the chief means of repopulating the country besides producing many improvements in respect to the working of the mines and smelting the lead. Mr Hall deserves the highest credit tho' many find great fault with him as an agent because he will do every thing in y most superior style and is consequently very expensive to his employers - it seems he has been accustomed to the mining business in various parts of Europe (northern Europe) - We found him from home - he is in London - However we obtained one of his clerks as our conductor & visited the new smelting mill the machinery working the hearths is the invention & work of Boulton & Co of the Soho near Birmingham - The Clerk informed me that this together with some other

works cost £50,000 before any money began to come back to the proprietors but that now every thing goes on well & the business is exceedingly profitable. it seems that lead is now double in price to what it was a few years ago & it is allowed here that Mr Hall was the principal means of advancing the price. The smelting mill we now visited is one of the largest buildings in England under one roof. It is an octagonal building of stone. it has six hearths an hearth is the oven or boiler for smelting the lead. They are worked by an immense water wheel in the middle. which acting on a centre blows the bellows &. This mill is capable & does occasionally smelt 3 marks of lead & week & a mark of lead is worth £200. When the ore

76. is first taken from the mine 'tis then ground very small in a mill generally on the spot not unlike a corn mill - after it is reduced to powder it is washed thro a sieve and the ore being the heaviest sinks to the bottom leaving the waste rubbish earths at the top in the sieve. formerly this was done by the hand and so ill that it is now found highly advantageous to work the old heaps of rubbish formerly thrown aside as done with over again from there by the use of finer sieves and a superior mode of washing by machinery from 100 to £150 worth of lead is got weekly from the old rubbish - Hall confident of his own talents & superior method of washing bought a quantity of old heaps thrown over with grass for £1000 - people thought him mad - but the result has even been greater than he himself imagined -

Another of Hall's improvements in this part of the country was to work no more perpendicular shafts but to use levels instead - there are now no shafts worked by him here even tho' he knows metal may be obtained - the reason is the labour - trouble & expence is threble where shafts are used by means of proper rail way up a level one horse can draw at once twenty times at least as much as two horses can by means of a shaft - for a single horse on the iron way can draw a number of waggons filled with ore at once by having them fastened to each other whereas in a shaft - two horses are necessary to work a wheel that pulls up but a small bucket full at once - The deepest shaft in this neighbourhood is 78 fathoms or 156 yards or 468 feet & there are several from 60 to

78.—70 fathoms immense depth in the earth to admit of free circulation of air—what is more extraordinary the deepest shaft just mentioned is descended by the miners not in the common way of descending by a bucket & rope but by the wood work of the frame that supports the sides of the shaft a side of which would something resemble this—



In a mountainous country (and mines are seldom worked in any other) levels may be always obtained tho' sometimes the distance necessary to run them is very considerable - one not far from Richmond as I was told already run nearly two miles & is not yet arrived at the ore - men are paid so much a fathom for making them - When men paid by time i.e. by weight - have made some thousand a year - bad plan - the reason why uncertainty - Mr Hall never uses it - Amusements amongst the miners - Fives - foot-ball - cricket - wrestling & leaping - Wrestling & leaping generally practised at public times particularly at Whitsuntide & earlier when belts are wrestled for & gloves are leaped for - We had Mr Hall clerk to the public house where I breakfasted & from them I got most of the above

80. intelligence - A moor cock or male of the common Tetrao Scoticus was killed in this neighbourhood that weighed 32 Oz: Exactly 2 lbs avoirdupois - this is a great size tho' I suspect not unusual From an accurate description given me by one of the clerks present who was a sportsman a pair of the Rough legged Falcons bred last summer in Spanham cliff not far hence - it is a vast cragg amongst wild moors towards Stanemoor - it used to be an amusement of the country people & boys of the vicinity to pelt the nest with stones from the top of the cliff 'till all myth the birds forsook - To inquire into the truth of the flock of Eagles lately appeared on the Holderness coast - The same man told me that he killed a trout of no more than a pound weight near Catterick bridge that had 27 minnows in it throat & belly undigested - returned in the evening to Neth when I agreed with Fryer for the following

books - Bruce's travels £3.13.6 81.
Cooks & Hawksworths Voyages £3.3.
Ordinary of Chrysler men £1.11.6
Coverdale's Bible £2.2. - Iconologie
Consett Tour & Phillips's voyage
to Botany bay -

181st Day. Nov: 15. This was the Day I had fixed upon for my departure from Neeth - Immediately after breakfast I accordingly prepared my baggage and bade adieu to my kind friends here - Fryer accompanied me to Richmond he was evidently much depressed in his spirits I strongly suspected pecuniary embarrassments as the cause and I afterwards found this suspicion but too true - I had a pleasant walk to Easby Abbey in the afternoon by myself - there is a fine specimen of the origin of the lancet arch by an intersection of the pointed arch it was too cold for me to make a good sketch of the same - returned to Richmond I met with Mr.

82. Caton & Mr Edd Tennant Junr
also Mr Thompson Junr we
retired to Croplands where we
became pretty merry - In the
Street I had met Mr Ward
the attorney's clerk who gave
me a letter requesting that I
would give it to poor Fryer
I saw in a moment that
it was an attorney's letter
I lamented but what could
I do - poor Fryer suddenly
came into our company in
good spirit - I was by no
-means bound to deliver the
letter entrusted to my care
tho' I knew the state it
must evidently give - I gave
it to him & he was gay
no more - we endeavoured all
in our power to cheer him
we first went to Mr Catons
house where we drank brandy
& water & played upon the
organ - but nothing could sooth
Fryer, he was restless & left
us, we pursued him & got
him to Chadwicks' dram
shop - here he sweated & drank

himself unable to contend with them - he might for his pistols & declare that he would shoot himself - Great God, what a situation for me - walking round & round the sublime castle of Richd at the hour of midnight in a storm in conversation with a man bent upon immediate destruction - and that man too, one capable of blazing as a star of the first magnitude in his own peculiar walks of science - All the arguments I had ever thought of as efficacious upon such a subject I repeated with peculiar energy and as I conceived with irresistable conviction - I mo

86. That on a former occasion he had loaded his pistols and was just on the point of committing the dreadful deed when he was rescued by the timely interference of a friend - That he always considered suicide in the light of a happy resource when weary of the buffets of fortune - This horrid sentiment - I consider to originate in him from the dreadful want of religious principles - Just and well founded as me were approaching Richmond not long since he suddenly after a long & profound silence observed that he knew not what to make of Christianity either in the theory or practice it seemed to him an object of ridicule and he thought that this subject had

of which he fully acknowledged the belief of a God or great first cause but no more — It was a distressing subject to me & I wished to drop it — Unfortunate Dyer wanted to remain out all night I dreaded some fatal consequence begged him to wait 'till morning ere he came to any conclusions when being both cool we might counsel together — I carried him partly by force to our inn where he wanted not to go to bed I however prevailed & we both passed a most restless night.

182nd Day. Nov: 16. Rose very little refreshed this morning Dyer spoke no more of what passed last night and I was far from being willing to resume so unpleasant a subject we went to Batterick to breakfast and he seemed to have revived his spirits I would not therefore remind him of his misfortune & cast down his newly raised

88. hopes - We made very hearty breakfasts I was hungry after a walk of 5 miles - Fryer this morning introduced me to a very extraordinary - clever & interesting man - a painter of Catterick of the name of Tidsdale who instantly became a subscri-ber to my work & promised great assistance - he is a good antiquarian - an adept in he-raldry & the descent of property - well acquainted with this part of the country of which he is a native & a very droll & con-vivial fellow - After breakfast went into the church where our Antiqn sumed completely at home - The font is curious & the figure of Sir Walter Wis-wick with an ancient monk with grave stone - At half past 12 o'clock I went to Scorton according to my ap-pointment to dine with Mr Eaton I forded the Swale near Catterick & found the whole distance not more than a mile - I was gladl

& hospitably received - Barbara King looked lovely & majestic to an angelic degree. her face I think perfectly beautiful. If a man has once been at sea he never forgets the manners & habits of the sailor They are sure to drink hard - Eaton regularly get drunk at dinner - Being a natural son of Lord Grosvenor he forgets not the nature of noble blood. After dinner we walked round his nice little estate - In one of the fields we found a nest of Hedgehogs, the old dam & 3 young. I had no idea 'till now that they sucked or drew with ye parent so long for there were very large - The country people here as well as in some other places have an absurd idea that this harmless animal sucks cows during the night & they destroy them accordingly - many people declare they have found hedgehogs in the very act - it is not altogether improbable though

90. perhaps not very likely - This animal preys upon frogs - Observed an hedgehog one day very seriously engaged in some undertaking that appeared to require its utmost exertion I went up to it - seeing me, it instantly rolled itself up as usual, but as it laid upon its back I perceived the hind part of a very large frog hang out of the mouth of the animal - I opened it by force & found - that the animal had got the head & shoulders of the frog in its throat when it had struck in the endeavours to swallow it - Hedgehogs have a very strong scent & many pointers stand at them - They are doubtless very fine eating - 'tis said by those who have eat them that the young ones are far superior to young pigs partaking some thing of the same flavour - In the evening Mr C walked with a sweet girl by the name of Hogg from Richmond & I with the lovely Barbara to Dalton Church in order to see the

It was too late to see that in the church but we saw the one raised by contribution in the church yard 'tis an obelisk raised in a pyramidical form with an urn on the top the whole abt 12 feet high on one side is the name & age of Jenkins - on the other an act of its erection by contribution — We returned to tea soon after which I took my leave & returned to Saltburn where Ridsdale - Fryer & I spent a very pleasant evening 'till two in the morning In the course of conversation I happened to laugh at Ghosts & apparitions - Ridsdale suddenly assumed a grave countenance & said that he had himself once laughed at such things but had sadly met with a circumstance of so solemn a nature that it would never be effaced from his brain - Having been at Scarton upon a little business of his own he staid 'till evening before he could return home - The distance

92. by fording the river Swale was but one mile but by the bridge 3 miles - not doubting the safety of the ford as he had often crossed before he of course chose the near road & sat out accordingly for the river side - There was no moon but the stars shone very brightly & admitted him to see near objects with tolerable distinctness - Walking along the banks of the river it happened that he was induced to look behind him when to his astonishment he beheld a tall obscure figure silently stalking or rather gliding at a certain distance ~~behind~~ after him in the same path he was then treading - He was not a man subject to fear at no period of his life had he ever experienced that ignoble sensation - He stood while the figure instantly did the same keeping the same exact distance - Concluding it was some person afraid of intruding upon

his company & yet a little more afraid to be entirely alone in the night - he walked on but as he went he could not resist the inclination which from time to time arose to look back and whenever he did so he uniformly observed the same figure at the same distance & when he stopped the figure also stood still - He was a little surprised that he heard no sound proceed from the steps of the unknown even amongst loose stones - At length he came to a style over some rails that croped the path way & went down to the edge of the water to prevent cattle from trespassing - Willing to try the mimicking of the figure further he did not go over the style but instead went down to the end of the rails that rather overhung the water & taking hold of the last post swung himself round the end when he again

94. reached the path which he had no sooner done than he stood to watch the figure ch to ment down to the water's edge and swung itself round exactly in a similar manner — This circumstance astonished him greatly and perceiving the figure still following he was resolved to clear the matter up accordingly he halted the figure did the same — he then turned round & resolutely marched towards it — it moved not — he came close up to it and suddenly thrust out both his hands against it — terrified and appalled he felt nothing & at the moment when he had darted at it — a sudden & broad light gleamed upon the upper part of its face which was human — solemn & placid. The light that gleamed upon its countenance exactly resembled that which would proceed from a lamp held up at the place the instant that he withdrew affrighted the light disappeared

and he observed the same obscure mysterious figure standing upon him - All the time no sound was heard saving the loud murmuring of the impetuous Swale tumbling along it stony bed For the first time he felt fear & he walked quickly on 'till he arrived at the ford - he figure following he jumped down from the bank - went to the water's edge - sat down upon a large stone & very coolly began to pull off his clothes but as he gradually undressed himself he kept his eye constantly fixed upon the figure who stood erect upon the bank above him apparently watching his motion with great exactness Being now considerably lower than the bank he could more clearly discern the object which appeared dark against the starry horizon - The river Swale is very subject to sudden inundations and it happen

d upon the present occa
sion that a flood was in the
river whose current was therefore
very impetuous - This ford which
I have myself croped is very broad
in the middle of the river
is an island that divides the
ford into two passages - the first
of which in the side in
question is shallow & the other
deep - Having stripped off all his
lower garments & tied them up
in a bundle he boldly ventur
ed acrop the first shallow ford
& got onto the island - In the
same moment that he en
tered the water the figure slid
down from the bank to the
very edge of the water shewing
marks of perturbation - he stood
for a few second to watch its
motions & then resolutely prepard
to crop the other passage which
certainly was highly dangerous
on acct of the extraordinary
impetuosity of the flood - Just
as he was about to enter
the water a second time he
turned round & observed the figure
bore down its body towards the

[illegible]face of the water several
times in immediate succession
shaking its head & holding up
its arms in an attitude of
mournful adieu - a sudden
horror crept through all his
veins and a sensation that
carried irresistable conviction
entered his mind that if
he ventured into the flood
he should be lost - so strongly
that was he affected by this
belief that he instantly turned
round towards the figure &
recrossed the first passage - the
figure receeding as he advanced
& he had no sooner gained
the shore than it gave a
kind of exulting flourish
& disappeared for ever - Tidsdale
felt relief mingled with awe
& he hastened back to Scorton
where he staid all night -
He afterwards made all the
enquiry possible but neither
man nor beast had been
near the place where this
[illegible] vision - his good
[illegible] had appeared to
[illegible] Gates -

98. Fryer went to bed about
Ridsdale left me abt 2 o'clock
in the morning after which
hearing no noise in the Kitchen
and knowing that two very nice
girls were there one of which
I had already coquetted - I stole
softly in & found them both a
sleep over the fire I awoke
them by giving each an hearty
kiss - with these girls I sat
up 'tile near four o'clock
spending the time very agreably

183rd Day. Nov: 17. / Immediately breakfast
which was a late one
we adjourned to Ridsdale's house
where he shewed us some very
excellent heraldic drawings - He was
employed by Mr Maire of Lartington
to draw the arms of all the King
Princes - Lt ability of England - he
drew upwards or I believe exactly
1200 the work occupied his leisure
time for near 4 years at the end
of which time shame be it spo-
-ken Mr Maire gave him only
£414 - - what rascality! - He
also shewed us some excellent
Prints after which we
[illegible] out for Sir John
[illegible] Brough - [illegible] it

intention to solicit his subscription for my work - As we passed the very large pond in the park Liddale told us that it contained a very extraordinary pike so large & powerful that it had broken every net in which it had hitherto been caught & so ravenous that it seized & worried a beautiful spaniel that was swimming in the pond. Upon several witnesses amongst whom Liddale was present — Arrived at the house we found Sir John not up though it was 11 o'clock. Both Liddale & Dyer were very desirous for me to attack him thro' the medium of servants a thing I all others I the most disdain - accordingly while I attacked the house at the front door They entered behind & Liddale being intimate with the butler seated themselves in the servants - As I had broken the ice so far I was determined to see Sir John me therefore waited in the parlour 'till 12 o'clock when the re entered the house - Sir John

100. did not get up 'till half an hour afterwards when I was introduced to him before he had breakfasted which he did in my presence - I made a set speech to him on the nature & importance of my work & was very graciously received - I rides much afterwards obliged to listen to a great deal of small talk however in return he became a subscriber and shewed me the few pictures he had in the house none of which were remarkable except a lovely pencil drawing of the Pretender by Rupecy - he carried me also into his chapel where I was a good deal pleased with some painting on glass by my friend Liddle of whom Lord John spoke in high terms - The colours on the glass were fine & rich - Just as I was coming away Col. Strickland from Westmorland joined us - There is a tolerably fine painting of the descent from the Cross over the altar table of the

chapel the artist unknown.
I took my leave of Sir John
with many thanks & re-
-joined my comrades in high
spirits I found them drink-
ing strong ale & they were
both nearly drunk - Tid-
dale entirely so - Fryer gave
me an account of the fresh
water cockles near Barnard
Castle the place from time
immemorial being called
Cocklebury - It was near 3
clock when we left Brough
hall for Hornby Castle the
seat of the Duke of Leeds dis-
tant about 3 miles - Fryer
went the horseroad being
on horseback but we went a
nearer road over the fields
being on foot - Brough hall
is a noble stone mansion
having a very fine & exten-
sive park with a noble
serpentine fish pond - the
estate is good & I believe yields
about £ 7000 ⅌ ann: Sir John
has another large estate in
Northumberland - Roman
antiquities are constantly

 found in this neighbour-
hood but as my friend Tids
dale has engaged to collect &
write down all the particu-
-lars that way I shall not
now trouble myself with re-
-lating the indifferent accts
I have yet heard I should
however note that Sir John
told me himself that he pulled
down the chapel on Catterick
bridge at the time they were
about widening that struct-
ure & with the stones he
built the present excellent
inn there — Our walk lay
thro' the village of Tunstall wch
is straggling but not large
the whole country is in the
richest state of cultivation We
at length arrived at the vil-
-lage of Hornby delightfully
situated in an hollow it is
a small very neat & straggling
village with an handsome
church we made most hearty
dinners at the public house
for 7/8d. & head upon beef &
ham after which having pro-
cured the key of the church
we went thither - I already

have an acct of its most
valuable contents - the figures
of Sir John Conyers & his Lady
in alabaster are curious &
two of the arches of the north
aisle are of curious saxon
architecture tho' evidently not
very ancient - the pew belong
ing to his Grace of Leeds
is plain & neat - We next
visitted the Castle not quite
half a mile distant situa
ted in a noble park well
wooded & watered & upon
a fine eminence - It is
a very large quadrangular
building embattled on the
top with corner towers - some
part of it is very ancient
as witness the ancient in
scriptions in the court yard
some parts & one entire
wing is modern tho' built
after the ancient style
There are very few good
pictures for such a house
and through the stupidity of
the maid who shewed us the
principal rooms I could not
learn the artists names who
executed the few - I however

104. noticed the portrait of a French Duke on horseback size of life in the stair case - a fine portrait of Geo: the second - picture of Chas. the 1st family with the great dog as I take it by Vandyke & the original picture from whence a print of a similar subject is taken - a portrait of the Late Duke of Leeds & several others I cannot now recollect as capital we visited the library & found many of the books choice & rare tho' not very numerous (perhaps 1000 volumes) - Only a few servants are kept in the house now & those for the purpose only of keeping it clean - the family is now at Kiveton near Wakefield - The Duke generally comes here abt April - It was quite dark & very cold being a hard frost when we sat out for Catterick distant 3 miles - Fryer on horseback by the carriage road but Tidsdale who was now very drunk & I went over the

fields as thick & sudden
mist came on after we had
gone about a mile and as
I was a stranger in that
part of the country I submit-
-ted myself entirely to the
guidance of my drunken
friend who declared he knew
the way better than any
other man in the country
this was unfortunate for
it prevented me from asking
the road which I should otherwise have done — we were
soon entirely lost which
Tidsdale no sooner perceived
than he became more be-
-wild'ed & intoxicated &
would go neither one way
nor another. I who was
perfectly sober at this became
much irritated and at last
in a great passion as the
prospect of lying out all
night in an intense frost
& mist grew more certain
— at length I seized Tidsdale
— jerked him along with
me back to Hornby where
I arrived with much diffi-

cally & having enquired the way along the Road without entering the fields at all I compelled Liddale to go that way with me and we arrived at Catterick in good time to supper where we found Fryer squeezing Barbara the maid — I was glad to find him in such good spirits considering that this was the very day in which he ought to have paid the money in question — We persuaded him to stay all night and we spent a very pleasant evening together —

18th Day. Nov. 18. I was awoke fully soon this morning by Fryer coming into my room to bid me adieu as he was about to set out on his journey homewards — He walked up & down the room for some time before he spoke at length he came to my bed side with tears in his eyes and in broken accents he bade me farewell — I felt greatly but more for his melancholy situation in respect

found
in Barrowdale [p.109] — I spent the
forenoon with him most
delightfully — Now I regret
that this able — this interest-
ing youth cannot live
long! — Death has marked
him for an early prey — I al-
most persuaded him to ac-
company me to York he
has promised to come soon
& left Upon near 10 o'clock
& Brunton set me nearly

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186th Day — Nov: 20. / Employed this day chiefly in preparing for my literary labours — In the evening having appointed an interview with my father we met in my brothers whare house when I informed him of my attachment at Bolton Castle and asked his advice He seemed pleased & said that he had heard my Grandfather

Southgate speak of the Mr. Tennants — I told him that I should write to the old gentleman on the following day & shew him my letter — This was all that we did this evening —

187th Day / Nov: 21. / This day I wrote a letter to old Tennant of which the following rough sketch was the ground work —

Dear Sir /

You will doubtless be surprised on receiving a letter from me upon the present occasion but as I cannot say for myself to be guilty of any clandestine proceedings where the honour & happiness of a family is concerned I am no longer able to delay the communication of my sentiments to you on a subject that very nearly concerns my present & future happiness — From the very first moment in which I beheld your daughter Elizabeth I felt an un-

usual interest awakened and a strong attachment insensibly steal upon me — She possesses all those charms & necessary accomplishments to — I have long wished to find realised in an object worthy of the situation in life in which I have hitherto moved — I love your daughter with the sincerity of an affection I long to evince in a more forcible manner than I have yet done — I conceived it would be highly dishonourable on my part to visit your family any more without stating to you the object of those visits that no unfortunate circumstances might arise in future — It has always been my earnest desire to gain the object of my attachment through my own merits & not by the interference of parents I therefore particularly request that you will not com-

municate the matter to
her at present whatever may
be your determination respect-
ing me but should I be so
fortunate as to gain your
approbation for my free access
to her presence & opportuni-
ty to establish myself sufficiently
in her regard without her being as yet conscious
of my application to your
My family, or at least that
branch of it which resides
in the Dales is not altogether
unknown to you - but as a
parent anxious for the welfare of his children you will
naturally wish to be more
intimately acquainted with
my connexions - situation
in life - & pretensions - I there-
fore think it necessary in
the first place to inform
you that all my relations
are in the most respectable
situations in life and rich
two uncles in particular are
possessed of great wealth

& from these my expectations are of course considerable - one of them has estates in the West Indies that yield £7000 p ann: & the other has landed & funded property in this country to the amount of £12000 p ann: my nearest relations are all highly independent of the world & my father himself affluent - I mention these merely as my dependencies for my own resources I have surely a right to call myself independent when my annual income has never yet been less than £2500 since I became established in the world - and this will be continually on the increase even by my own exertions without the aid of friends or relatives - I have now three literary undertakings the first of which will not yield me less than from £2000 to £3000 - the second £1500 & the last £700 upon a mean calculation - Upon

s my present intention
to engage in no mercantile
career because I see no ne
cesity - I have it in my
power to acquire a consi
derable fortune without any
such means upon which
I hope shortly to retire into
the country - The life of a co
ntry gentleman & farmer
being the most agreable to
me - My destiny is now in
a great measure in your
power - you are able to make
me one of the happiest of
men by granting your con
sent - Give me your daug
ter & shall be the constant
endeavour of my life to render
her happy myself worthy
of your best regard - Of your
circumstances I know nothing
but from report yet I beg
leave to observe that what
ever portion you intend for
your daughter I will most
readily settle at the least
one half upon her - however

116. These things can be enlarged upon hereafter at present I can only say that you may assure yourself of the truth of what I advance by address to my father who resides in York and permit me to intreat that you will at least resolve the painful suspense under which I must labour 'till I hear from you by an early if not an immediate reply as I long to hasten again into the presence of her who is now so necessary to my happiness. I have the pleasure to subscribe myself your sincere & devoted friend

Charles Fotherg[illegible]

With some alterations & many corrections I sent the above letter, after reading it to my father who appeared fully satisfied with

it — The answer I after 117.
wards received was as gra
cious as I could have ex
pected — my father & bro^r
thought so in a particu
lar degree — see it am^t
my M. S. S.

188th Day / Nov: 22. / From this day to the 218th day which was Sunday the 22nd of Decr was spent rather idly tho' I read, wrote, and drew a good deal — and wrote to my uncle requesting his per
mission to dedicate my Zoo
logical work to him. to which I received an affec^l answer — Dr Moyes the blind Philosopher being at York was much at my father's & brother's houses & consequent
ly I saw a good deal of him He aspires much to general knowledge but according to my opinion is deep or pro
found in nothing — I attended most of his chemical lectures

which are amusing if not instructive to them I generally carried the beautiful Mary Benson who always commands every bodies attention at these lectures also I renewed my acquaintance with Arthur Strickland Esqr who is a tolerable Ornithologist he invited me to dine with his family on Sunday the 22nd of Dec^r^

218th Day Decr 22 This day I went to a five oclock dinner with the family of Wm Strickland Esqr out of Bootham bar this gentleman on his father's death will be a Bart^t^ his family has the reputation of being one of the most genteel & accomplished in York — I found them so — the young ladies 6 in number though not particularly beautiful are singularly pleasing — and Caroline highly accomplished — the eldest son I did not at all like — he seemed an affected beau & talked of things he knew nothing about he found great fault

in particular with my fa-
-vourite Shee - Mrs S. gratified
my vanity by asking if I was
not Fothergill the great na-
-turalist - I met Captn George
Cholmondeley of the Royals at
table - a tall thin, agreable
gentlemanly man - I spent
the evening very agreably &
came away about ten
-oclock -

219th Day
Decr 23 -

The time being now
fast approaching for
Col: Thornton's final
departure from Thornville Roy-
al & as I wished much to
pay him a visit before he
quitted that noble seat for
ever - I took an opportuni-
-ty this morning of making
- third with Geo: Fisher &
Richardson in a chaise to
Thornville - On our arri-
-val Geo: & I shook off Ri-
-chardson and introduced our-
selves to Thornton in the
gallery without delay - The
Fishers had done something
or another contrary to his

orders the consequence was immediately on our entrance he mistook me for Geo: & began a broadside from one of his tremendous passions which I perceiving wheeled round & examined the picture as pretended to do so whilst he raked George in high style — however he very soon turned to me smiling good naturedly & taking me by the hand begged my pardon & welcomed me most warmly & cordially to Thornville — Soon after he went out a hunting with a small party of gentlemen who were waiting for him in the park — One of my objects was to make a list & criticize his collection of pictures which is one of the best in the county if not in England — particularly for sporting pieces as his are certainly unrivalled — after I had done the job I played at Billiards with George Fisher 'till the party returned from hunting

& it was dinner time - We did not sit down to dinner 'tile 6 o'clock - it was served in five courses & the variety of old & scarce wines would be tedious to enumerate - this Burgundy old hoc & champagne were however the best I never was in any house where such excellent & magnificent dinners were served up - at table we met the celebrated Mrs Thornton & Mrs Probe - Mrs T was in the dumps she & the Col^l were not today on good terms & I understood from Probe that it originated in the night of last Thursday when the col^l was taken so ill that he thought himself near his end - on this occasion his mistress refused to get up & administer to his relief - this had very justly raised his anger as it shewed neither affection nor care for him - as I heard the circumstance I could not help contrasting such behaviour with

122. that of a tender wife may not nearly all the failings of this extraordinary man be traced to his misfortune in not being suitably married? — If Mrs Probie had a little more fire she would exactly come up to my ideas of Jezebel — she is a most competent compleat looking whore. We had much mirth — wit & glee after dinner — with dinging — but amongst all the merriment it was plain that the prospect of death weighed heavy & sad upon the mind of the Col.d & he more than once observed that he would give half his property to be 21 years of age — he frequently lamented that his course was so far run & then he would suddenly affect mirth it was evident he could not feel — He is a most fascinating man in his own house & you irresistably lament his want of virtue — his talents & many excellent qualities are lost in a vortex of iniquity & continued round of dissipation — Mrs T

looked lovely to a degree & sing delightfully — but is she not a painted sepulcre ? — It was a late hour when we went to bed —

220th Day } Every morning by
Decr 24 — } Thornton's order

himself & company are awakened at half past eight by his huntsman blowing three distinct blasts from the bugle he blows the best horn I ever heard & the effect in those long passages on being thus awoke is inimitably fine & sportsman. like — It echoes through every room in the house — Assembled at breakfast the man or head cook brings up his bill of fare for dinner & Thornton writes down the courses — putting many of the articles to the vote of the company — and he next puts to the vote what room they will choose to dine in after which the mornings diversion is pitched upon —

124. Fishing was the diversion pitched upon this morning as the Col^l wanted some for his table - previous however to our going out I played a few games at billiards & sat a short time with the Col^l in his library a room fitted up exactly to my taste as a sportsman - an a-mateur of the arts & a man of letters - the room is octa-gon on marble over the chim-ney is engraved a law of the house that any bet made in the house shall be declared off by either party paying a guinea into the hands of the landlord by 50' clock the next day - In the windows 3 in number are three small but select & beautiful pieces of painted glass representing camelions - insects & a cock-too - over a door at each end a portrait - the books mingled with stuffed birds occupy the ends together with a great variety of curiosities

in antiquity - nat: history 125.
& the arts - a number of guns,
curious arms, pictures, draw-
-ings, sketches, astronomical
instruments &c &c - hang
up in various parts of the
room - He shewed me Oliver
Cromwell's own regimental
trumpet which is very small
much carved - bears several
mottos & is curiously moun-
-ted with silver - To day he
promised to aid my county hist-
-ory greatly & to give me four
engravings for it - About 12 o'
clock the nets & men being
ready we attacked one of his
large ponds - the number of
fish taken was greater than
I could have imagined but
they were nearly all exceeding
small - five pike & one perch
only were kept - all the rest
some thousands of small were
thrown in again - the Col^l de
claring he would not have
any of us imagine that he
would injure Lord Stourton's
property in any shape

126. To day at dinner Thornton observed and I believe with truth that he never undertook any thing he did not succeed in — A singular circumstance occurred to me after dinner this day being called upon for a song - and I never felt more inclined in my life to sing - when I attempted I found my voice utterly gone & after many attempts - for the first time in my life I felt unable to perform my will — An extraordinary incident happened this night after all the inhabitants of the house had retired to rest. A strange & horrible noise between the howling of a dog & crying of a cat but much louder was heard by Thornton echoing through all the house & passages - sometimes moaning sometimes screaming exactly resembling the noise mentioned in the story of the Flagellator — Thornton got up & called upon the hon^ble Mr Probe they went together through all the house into every room in

candles but could discover nothing ——— I was so found asleep that I heard nothing of it though they visited my room for a candle. The dog kennels were too distant to allow of a supposition that the noise came from them and no dogs were allowed to sleep in the house.

221st Day } Dec. 25 } At breakfast this morning the Col. seemed uneasy at the strange noise on the preceding night. He ordered all the servants up one after another to interrogate them but none of them knew any thing at all about the matter when one of the company observed that it must have been the Devil at this the Col. turned pale & dropped the subject entirely. After breakfast I played a Billiards with the Hon. Mr Probe 'till the hour came appointed to hunt deer when

128. the horses were brought to the door. I rode a chesnut stallion got by Coriander. so extremely vicious that it had worried a horse only a fort-night before. had not been out of the stable for near a month & was one of the most headstrong & unmanageable horses I ever rode. After much hard riding we were unsuccessfull in taking any but I was much delighted today by hearing Thornton every kind of holloa used in every kind of sport in the field and that in the highest style of excellence. Before dinner I had a good deal of conversation with him respecting my work when he promised me much assistance & said that he would give me several excellent plates for it. I wish he may but keep his word which I much doubt. This day he lent me the Liberian-eard Owl shot at Thornville & described in my book of Zoological comments but I will

Lake can that be since 1829
it to me — Mr Burton son
of Genl Burton was here today
& it is evident Thornton is
pigeoning him as much as poss-
ible he has already sold him
pictures books gems &c to
the amt of at least £20,000
Being Christmas day & resolved
to pull Burton as much as
possible to make him drunk
by a vast variety of wines
They visit the wine cellars
& as I wished to be a witness
of what I expected would be a
curious scene I undertook
the office of candle bearer
Could it have been possible
to have noted down the con-
versation exactly as it took
place in the different cellars
& to have drawn the Cellars
&c at certain intervals what
could have been more amusing
first took one old mouldy bottle
then another "ah! now he's
all warmed by my great grand
father 100 years old this day

130. what say you Burton to a bottle or two of that by way of taste & relish" — going a little further and looking into a bin covered over with black mould — he paused awhile in an attitude of thought then exclaimed — "Zounds Burton we shall have to dig here for Burgundy that belonged to Louis XVI th of France" — so saying he began to dig with all his might & at last brought up a two gallon bottle of old burgundy — the rest was a bin of Port 80 years old — in short to enumerate all the wines with their ages & the celebrated people of different European nations to whom they belonged would be an endless task — Old hock — hermitage — champaigne — madeira — sack in short not only every kind of wine I have heard named but many more were ransacked & brought out of their dark retreat — at dinner we had 15 different kinds of wine

on the table at once and he declared me drank none under 30 years old but many 60 years - It is a certain fact that his stock of old wines was most wonderful - he has been drinking them ever since his arrival at Thornville & has bought none since that purchase 15 years ago - and I suppose his consumption on a moderate calculation would be 1 Dozen pr. day - Burton & he together supposed that at his departure there might be 40 Dozen remaining - Burton bought the stock at that calculation & for a great sum but what was Thornton's own astonishment when on counting the bottles out - 180 Dozen were found - Thornton received all the greater part of his stock of wines with the purchase of the estate but he said Lord Stourton should not have a drop because he believed him to be mean & stingey - a Decanter holding

132. thirteen bottles quart was upon the table filled with the best Port wine 30 years old — This was sent round 'till empty & there was only one person Mr Snowden besides myself that could lift & use it with one hand when full as a common bottle — Thornton still kept hinting at the horrors of death and uncertainty of life — tells Burton he will freely give half his property to be as young as he, B, was and frequently after a long pause he would exclaim as it were to himself "Ah! my course is nearly run I must soon make way for some one else" — A circumstance of some singularity occurred when his present mistress first came to Harwich — She came by a London coach & alighted at some short distance from Harwich where Mrs Fisher was waiting by Thornton's direction to escort her to the house — As they entered the Park they met Thornton who was on the coast

out for them & he had a gun in his hand - after he had welcomed her very warmly to Thornville & as they were walking together - a crow happened to fly over them - perceiving it Thornton exclaimed "now my dear you shall see what an excellent shot I am" so saying he presented his piece & shot the crow dead instantaneously Mrs Meynell cried - "Oh God Col when I die I should like to die just like that crow" - "my dear girl" say he seizing her in his arms "just so do I pray by heavens" - what a scene - There is one excellent trait in the Col's character which I should not forget to note & that is his constant employment of poor people whenever he found any of the corner lopers out of work any where about his estate he would say "what have you no work? why are you

and perfection of his at its
new second creation
I believe Sr Walter Raleigh
has painted the effects of
the Deluge in very lofty colours

What scene can so sublimely employ the powers of the imagination as the waters subsiding after the general deluge - to imagine the noise of the mighty billows swells among the Andes - the crash of woods - and overthrow of mountains echoing through the heaven's black concave - if any thing could highten the sublimity of such an awfully magnificent scene it would be - if, haply, the imagination of the philosopher might dare to elevate itself to the conception of the Almighty enthroned above the heavens in all the awful majesty of omnipotence omnipresence - presiding over causes & effects - contemplating the dreadful scene of devastation in the fulfilment of his word - and even at the moment of annihilation of animal life - foreseen the excellence of future races of men - the beauty

have a good effect to introduce the anecdote of old Graves—

In contemplating the sublime subject of an universal deluge several very interesting theorems necessarily impose themselves upon the notice & if it will not be thought rash or quixotic — I shall venture a few of them merely as matter of curiosity — According to the laws of mechanism whatever has motion or is in constant action may in time wear out & require renovation — now may not such wonderful convulsions and changes in the general face of nature as must necessary proceed from such mighty causes as the deluge be required as a renovation to the earth at certain long intervals of time — See in the general what the reasons are in detail — and as agriculture teaches us that fields require to be manured & fallowed at particular times — so may the earth require it —

Deluge / It has often been a
matter of surprise to
me that so many of our grave
Philosophers & mathematicians
should so entirely commit
themselves as they have done
in all the theories of the
earth that have yet appear
-ed — But is it not a truth
that those men who are accus
-tomed to reason on facts - cer
-tain granted data - & who are
pursuers
of those branches of science
which admit of none of the
flights & allurements of imagi
-nation - that when such
men allow their imagination
full scope after having long
endeavoured to chain down
her powers by the fetters of
rule — they become greater
victims & dupes to her power
than those who have long ramb
-led in the flowery paths of her
enchanting domain ?
In estimating the size of the
ark as capable of containing a
pair of all animated beings it will

no figures of animals very well executed in any work unless I name the inimitable Bewick whose works are exquisite in their kind — but perfect plates should be on a grander scale and always coloured with minute care from nature — Bewick has indeed given a few tolerable figures but the multiplicity of bad ones far outdoes their excellence — The plates in his Folio edition were designed on a grand scale but many are ill drawn & most of them ridiculously coloured being false and glaring to excess —

There is nothing so highly merits contempt as affected modesty — it is always assumed for some sinister end — I shall therefore pretend to no diffidence I do not feel — Had I not believed this work capable of instructing as well as amusing I should not have published it —

engage in it —

From the following work may be learnt much of all that has been done on the subject so far as it regards these Kingdoms — To avoid the necessity of making it too expensive — I have given no plates of objects that have been well figured already — Though the plates are numerous they represent animals that have neither ever been figured at all or so indifferently as to bear little or not resemblance to the subjects themselves — Of the accuracy of the figures I can speak boldly and decidedly because I have executed them myself with the most scrupulous care & attention — but their excellence as to beauty must be decided by others — yet I have no hesitation in saying that the purchaser will find them far superior to anything of the kind that has yet been done — I have indeed been peculiarly anxious on this head because we have

not diffident of my small qualifications for such an undertaking and was it not yet uncertain how far the public would patronise a new work so extensive – it is more than probable I had already engaged in it – But I have felt more satisfaction in coming forward for the present with no more than I conceived myself capable of executing with credit to myself and satisfaction to that part of the public who have so frequently been disappointed in works of this nature – As I send this work from my hands and can no longer influence its fate – I cannot help expressing my wish that it may prove as a fifth volume to the last edition of the British Zoology, which, with all it faults and want of sufficient interest to general readers, is a most valuable work – This is the height of my ambition – and that it might prove so far valuable as to induce a success that may encourage me in a pursuit that is a perpetual source of felicity to me and I believe to all who

of England who of all other men are the best enabled to labour for the further improvement of Natural History so far as regards practical observation — In my endeavours therefore to render my subject more clear full and satisfactory by occasional reference to some of the esteemed authors I shall not fear any censure that may be cast upon me as to the charge of compilation being well assured — or at least willing to hope that the most valuable part of the following work are such as are purely original —

Perhaps it may be necessary for me to state one of my primary motives for this publication. Notwithstanding the great additions and improvements that were made in the last edition of Pennant's British Zoology that work still remains very imperfect insomuch indeed that many able naturalists have been of opinion that there is room enough for a new and more complete work of a like nature — So far do I agree with them in such a sentiment — that were

[illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not because the contents of these pages are the result of painful study in my closet but because they contain the fruit of investigations that have employed the happiest days of my life, the produce of many an hour spent amongst the fields woods - rocks - rivers - lakes & mountains of my native country - I indeed it should be urged that I have made many references to the writers of antiquity and have even gone so far as to insert a few passages from more modern authors - Let it be remembered that I have not written for the learned alone - I have not had the general cause of science so much at heart, than I have considered the value and importance of a certain class of readers, who have it not always in their power to refer to scarce and valuable books that relate to the subjects of their pursuit - Should to the country gentlemen

of the great creator through nine shades tho more certain roads than all the host of ancient philosophers to whom men are apt to look with something more than common respect something that approaches adoration — I allude to the scholar who consumes his days in the solitude of his closet conversing alone with the dead —

Motacilla Troglodytes } This bird is a great dipper — that is — has a dipping or peculiarly courteous method of saluting or observation — Exactly similar to the manners of the Sturnus Cinclus —

To the Reader

Attached from early childhood to the pursuit of Natural History and to the department of Zoology in particular, I cannot but feel extremely anxious for the good reception of the following work by the British Public, ~~which~~

In the Introduction to my Illustrations } After the Ancients Amongst the mo-
-derns we find full scope for ani-
-madversion & Criticism - Sweden
certainly claims presidence above all
the scientific nations of Europe for
having produced the comprehen-
sive - the great Linnaeus who tho
not the first to enable the pur-
suit of Nat: hist: to rank as a
science - certainly was the first
to rear the mighty fabric whose
admirable plan and beauty of
its parts will in all probability
continue to be the wonder of suc-
-ceeding ages - France & Buffon
England for advancg what may
be termed topographical Nat: hist:
higher than any other nation

I believe the Tradescants were the
first general Naturalists of Engd

Ancient writers con-
tinued from P. } and in lis-
-tening to the
fables of tra-
-vellers and the superstitions of the
vulgar - Perhaps it is the most dis-
-tinguished boast of modern sçavons
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very extraordinary indeed must
have happened to put such
a dry. sapless concern as your
self into this quandary" - said
I — "pray Mr. Critic do ex-
-plain yourself" — Upon this
he took a chair and I who
at this time of day like to take
every thing fair & softly insisted
upon his taking a pipe &
composing himself before he
let me into the secret - accor
dingly providing ourselves with
fresh implements we sat down
to a compleat evenings smoaky
tete a tete — at length my
friend broke silence

"I've been to London as
you know, well! — youve
seen Garrick - Quin &c &c
of the old school and Kemble
Cooke - Siddons &c &c &c
of the new" "well said I
what of all this — well - you
know weve often pulled them
limb from limb & even gutted
them & roasted them before
this very fire

country I have few neighbours, & those not near ones - I have one however who is passionately fond of plays & theatrical performances - I was one evening sitting after the fashion before mentioned and seriously ruminating on the rock & buskin frolic of my youth when all of a sudden in bounced my friend just hinted at - "What do you think we - Sly what do you think - the world's run mad by G- he exclaimed almost quite out of breath -

The sudden appearance of this friend who at that moment I conceived to be in London together with his manner alarmed my poor nerves so much that in the act of starting up I broke my pipe & knocked my pot of ale over - "Upon my word Mr Simon Critic something

reader I hope thou hast fi-
gured in thy imagination,
I sit alone for hours - quiff my
faithful pipe in peace and
ruminate on the past events
of my long life — The volume
of my brain is far from being
void of matter — be it known
that I was a sad wild rascal
in my early youth and conse-
quently that in the retrospect
of my more early years I find
much to censure
& repent of & but little to ap-
prove — amongst other frolics
I once apumed the sock &
buskin and capered to the
great edification of a country
audience in a country thea-
tre — I have often rummaged
over the index of my brain
but I never find any chapter
that contains a greater fund
of amusement than that it
contains the acct of that same
adventure — I therefore often
ruminate on the same —

Living in an old family
hall in a remote part of the

so do I now perceive that I must make the best of my way through this said business of authorship without any further preamble —

Being an old man and a bachelor it is my custom of an evening especially in winter to procure a pipe - choice tobacco - a jug of fine, nut brown home brewed ale - and setting a chair exactly in front of a cheerfully blazing fire log fire with a little round table supporting my banquet on my left elbow. I seat myself in an easy position, well knowing that the mind acts the best capers when the body is the farthest removed from them, and I always make a point of cocking up my legs as high as the mantle piece with a foot rested on each side of the fire - In this position of mortal comfort, which, gentle

from it - many have been my riftings - risings and resurrections - but stay, now for a simile, one of my divine similes - As when a gaunt and hungry lout hath swallowed with greedy gripe and craving paunch - vast lumps of goose well roasted and with sage & onion well stuffed - anon he feels the murdered goose uprear its troubled spright through the cranks & crevices of its yawning sepulchre and thus revisit the glimpses of his taste - so, had I no sooner swallowed my desire of authorship ~~than~~ well roasted by the fervour of my imagination - than it rose again and again ~~and~~ so often revisiting ~~the~~ glimpses of my judgment that I began to doubt the propriety of the proceedure - However like a rash youth who has ventured upon the ice and feeling it to sink under him hastens forward as the only means of preserving him - it being broken behind

Be it known unto all men whom it may concern, that is, to all those who may have been troubled with a certain itch to see this little book that I, the sole inventor, promoter and writer of the ensuing words do hereby declare that I am an ancient country squire of the North of England and that queer sort of fellow who 'till this very moment even from the beginning have always made it a point of duty to give those to understand who cozen me that "I am Yorkshire too"—

'Tis true 'tis pity, pity 'tis 'tis true that I am a marvelous queer fellow and it will marvelously grieve me if the world at large is not finally benefitted by my said queerness. For gentle reader dont run away with a foolish notion that the inventing & scribing these lines have cost me nothing!— no verily!— for

Escrick / For some valuable particulars respecting this vil=lage and manor near York see the Gent^s Mag: for 1794. P. 528.

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A Gibbet to all Theatrical Merry Andrews by Solomon Sly Esqr of Sly Hall in Yorkshire —

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Carr^d forward

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occasioned by stony particles received into the system, together with the fluid in question; but this beverage, so suspicious in appearance, is innocent in its effects; for, the stone and gravel are, at least, as uncommon here as in any part of the Kingdom, nor do we perceive the smallest symptom of those unseemly tumours of the throat which prevail in the alps & other mountainous districts."

Language / For a number of Provincialisms see the Gent. Mag: for 1794. P. 13.

Motacilla Hippolais / I take the bird which in Westmorland is called the Strawsmear to be this species if it is not — the Strawsmear must be the Trochilus — See Gough's ed. P. 326 — of Gent. Mag: for 1794 —

Gulls / In estimating the various changes of plumage these birds undergo I will not allow the domesticated Gulls much credit.

= bridge & this place cover the
withered vegetables in their re
= spective channels with a cal
= careous crust; the water of these
fountains is undoubtedly impreg
= nated with lime, suspended in it
by an excess of carbonic acid; this
gas escaping, when it comes in
= to contact with the external
air, leaves the earthy matter
to subside, and form the in =
crustation in question; which
incloses sticks, dead moss and
obtains cementing them into mas
vulgarly, but improperly, called
petrifactions; for, the substance
here alluded to is a calcareous
tophus. Water thus charged with
lime has a brisker taste than
what has been rendered soft
by exposure to the atmosphere
in the river, & generally is pre
= ferred for culinary purposes; &
seems to invalidate an opinion
entertained by very able physicians
& particular obstructions [illegible]

a bird that is far from being uncommon in the hilly parts of the North, though hardly known in the south of England. It leads its young, as soon as they are fledged, to the sides of brooks and rivulets, where they find shelter under the spreading leaves of the tussilago petasites; its food does not consist altogether of insect; for, the gizzard of one I dissected contained a number of minute seeds mixed with small stones." Mr. G then goes on to describe a young cock—

It is very much to be regretted that this most able & interesting writer on acct of receiving some disgust did not continue the acct of that agreable ramble as he promised to do—

Petrifactions, or Incrustations } In the same ramble as above. Gough gives the best acct I have ever met with of petrifying waters "All the springs between Hawks

Pied Flycatcher / In his very pleasing ramble of a Naturalist in the North of Engd. pubd. P. 111 of the Gentl. Mag for 1794 - the learned & ingenious Gough says that the Muscicapa Atricapilla is far from being uncommon in the North of England - However plentiful the species may be in Westmoreland and more particularly in the part there described - I can venture to assert that in Yorkshire they are exceedingly scarce having never seen one, to be certain of the species, during my whole life and I have made ornithological remarks in almost every part of the county - Nevertheless Mr G's word is not to be disputed - I merely make this note to point out the singularity of the circumstance - Mr G there says "The banks of the river, (Kent,) as far as we had yet traversed them, were frequented by the pied flycatcher, Muscicapa Atricapilla,

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Carr.d forward

Language / Many capital illustrations may be obtained from Pierce Plowman's visions - That work being nearly one half Anglo-Saxon in meaning - for a character of it & a desire to republish it - see the Gent. Mag: for 1787. P. 945.

Pliny & the old Roman Writers / It plainly appears that Pliny as well as the other Roman writers in Nat. Hist: copied without examination into the truth all that the Grecian writers their masters wrote and also from the mouths of romantic travellers. For some remarks on this see the Gent. Mag: for 1787. P. 1070.

Swallows / In the Gent. Mag for 1787 P. 1190. It is asserted that some swallows were seen hawking about near Lewes in Sussex in the middle of December

Buckingham, and others my noble friends, who have intreated me to send them some grey hounds * and bitches out of this Kingdom, of the largest sort; which I perceive they intend to present unto divers princes and other noble persons. I am given to understand that there are good store in your country. And therefore I pray you, either by yourself, friends, or neighbours, to procure me one brace either of dogs or bitches, & them to send unto me with all the speed you may; &, if you can possible, let them be white, which is the colour now most in request; herein you shall do me a favour, which I shall be ready to requite, and so, expecting your answer by the bearer, I commit you to the protection of the almighty, & rest

Your Lordship's very assured friend,

Falkland."

* "The Irish wolf-dogs, being creatures of great strength & size, & of a fine shape, may be ranked among the curiosities of that country, & have been esteemed as presents fit to be sent to Kings; of which there is an instance in Sir Thos. Roe, ambassador to ye Great Mogul, who obtained large favours from that monarch, on acct of a present of those dogs which he made him in 1615."

Gent. Mag. for 1787. P. 676.

Horses / It is aserted at P. 964 of the Gent. Mag. for 1787 That the Life of Eclipse was insured for many thousand pounds? — If this was fact & I see no reason to doubt it as at the time this public assertion was made the horse was living — it is a curious instance of the amazing value placed upon him.

Archdeacon Blackburn / For an acct of see Gent. Mag: for 1787 P. 743 —

Boverick / A curious mechanick of York — for an acct of see the Gent. Mag. for 1787 P. 663 & 666

Cats / Electricity of considered P. 947 of Gent. Mag for 87 —

Dogs / "Original Letter from Henry Cary, Viscount Falkland, Lord Deputy of Ireland, to the Earl of Corke.

Chichester-house, Aug. 23. 1623

My Lord,

I have lately received letters from my Lord the Duke of

Raven / To offer some com-
-ments upon this bird
being the standard of the
Ancient Danes —

Prospectus / In hinting at those
who have endeavour-
-ed to discourage my under-
-taking by the vastness of
the work to mention the
celebrated reply of Alexander
to Parmenio —

Raven

"The raven croaks forlorn on
naked spray." —
Beatties Minstrel Stanza 24.

Saml. Fothergill } There is a very
excellent acct.
of my great Uncle Saml.
in the 2nd Vol: of the Month-
-ly Ledger Pubd. 1774 —

Captn. Cook / To see his Life by
Dr. Kippis —

acct. of some remarkable particu-
-rachial churches see the
the Second —

Prospectus / There is a good set of queries respecting topographical hist: in the Gent^s Mag^e for 1755 –

Dairy Farms of Wensleydale } In conversing with Jos^a Blakey I find there are farms in Wensleydale particularly near Worton near Bainb^e that produces 30 hundred weight in a year & that too from not more than a dozen or 14 cows – It also appears that much depends upon the time of year they begin to make cheese The usual best time is in May 'tile Christmas The present price from good Dairies is from £3.3. to £3.6. – ~~p~~ ~~cc~~ – Novr 6. 1805

Old Churches / For a very curious-lars respecting pa Gent^s Mag^e for 1787 Part

Comy – and that the whole earth
itself being formed of perishable
materials a great part of which
is in constant motion & change
must in the lapse of ages it
=self wear out forming the
mighty crash so sublimely
painted by Shakespear in his
Tempest – As the human figure
has birth and is enabled to
maintain itself for a time by
a skilful application of stimulus
derived from matter already
in existence – so does its power
of maintaining its existence by
constant action experiences decay
& his very being becomes diseased
and incumbent – Man I consider
in this case as a prototype of
the earth neither can exist
without the constant change
and revolution of matter going
forward – that a period in
consequence must arrive when
both are again reduced to
chaos by their powers being
worn out by a long series
of action –

I will not pretend to say this position is absolutely just but it is at least highly ingenious. and enlarged upon would afford some excellent hints if not unconquerable argument ag.t the absurd notion of fanatics and enthusiastic sectarians who insist upon all mankind being born in iniquity—

Organic Remains of a former World— } The more I consider the changes this world has undergone the stronger is the conviction I feel that a flood of waters however vast the deluge might be could not occasion the appearances which are constantly presented to the eye of the Naturalist— I fully believe this earth to be formed of the remains of a former one and the surface only is beautifully organised & modified for purposes which we cannot pretend to divine further than the mere maintenance & existence of the animal vegetable & mineral King

Rivaux Walter Espec } Abed of Rivaux wrote a life of Walter Espec, with, or rather called, de Bello Standardi - That is in the Library of Bennet College Cambridge see Leland's Collectanea Vol: 5 P. 287.

Nat: Hist: Goldsmith } In treating of Goldy's Nat: hist: to relate old Croft's anecdote of him when he went to visit him in his garrett saw his Library ——

Moral Evil } I have so often attacked Goldsmiths Nat. History that I am proud & delighted to note the following admirable remark P. 20. V. 1. 2nd Edit. of his Animated Nature - "God has permitted thousands of natural evils to exist in the world, because it is by their intervention that man is capable of moral evil; & he has permitted that we should be subject to moral evil that we might do something to deserve eternal happiness by showing we had rectitude to avoid it."

my brothers beautiful remark/
to lay down a scale of the hu-
man mind - then to compare
the faculties of different animals
Again - from this position and
then truth may be fairly inferred
that as other animals are found
to possess no other soul or faculty
than is necessary for their existence
in this world - they can have
no existence hereafter in that
unknown state which all
good men believe to be - On
the contrary finding that man-
kind do possess even much
very much more than is
absolutely necessary for a mere
earthly existence an ambition
without the aid of religious
light might with justice sup-
pose that we are to exist
after in a state where our
higher faculties may be called
into superior action & become
perfected ——

Scale of Intellect in Animals

The difference between the faculties of man & the more subordinate animals of the creation is not perhaps so vast as superficial observers generally imagine. One of the first striking differences however that appears to the eye of the Natural Philosopher who wisely has made metaphysics a part of his learning - is this - All animals with the exception of man appear to possess no more mind or what may be termed mental faculties superior to bodily ones - than are necessary for their maintenance & preservation in fact than are necessary to conduct them in safety thro' this base existence - But man has something more than this - and he has one faculty of the mind which we cannot allow any other animal to possess even in a small degree - that is imagination (here to introduce

~~write before your letter must be directed for me at York.~~

To see the following books in Nat: hist: out of Lackingtons Catalogue for 1806 before I see any other as they are cheaper—

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precipitancy on my part. You will probably say that you have known me so short a time that you cannot estimate my pretensions to so much happiness as the possession of your person. I would that it had pleased God we had known each other longer. Grant me but permission to solicit leave of your father to hasten to your presence - allow me to state my family pretensions to his notice and at least permit me to make you better acquainted with an heart that throbs with so ardent an affection. However few my own qualifications may be I have at least full confidence in assuring you that my family are such as to be deserving of your warmest attachment if I have the transporting fortune of gaining your hand. My fortune I have no doubt will be fully sufficient for our comfort and happiness. Once more my dear my beloved girl let me conjure you to write to me immediately consider that my happiness is at stake - if you do not write within a week after the date of these lines I shall have left Leeth for York - where after that time but I earnestly hope you will

I sought in vain to derive happiness from surrounding objects - my imagination constantly brought me again into your lovely presence when alone my happiness was absolute - In proportion to my fervent love for you and that with no common ardour and affection and I feel that I cannot be happy without you will consent that I devote all my future days to labour for your happiness - I offer you my hand and with it my fortune and a heart which I trust never yet was dishonoured by any base passion - If I thought myself unworthy or incapable of promoting your happiness by the warmth of my affection and the strongest passion I would sooner have consented to be for ever unhappy than have disturbed your repose - Unskilled in the usual cold forms & etiquette generally observed in overtures of this kind in matrimonial affairs I confess that I knew not how to act otherwise than I have done - but I knew that I could not mistake your sweet disposition & that at least you would forgive any apparent

N: 2032 — 6. — 2053 — 5. —

Whatever may be the result of the liberty freedom which I am now taking using my present & future happiness is so nearly concerned that I have can not been able any longer to delay on a subject that too nearly concerns my repose opening my heart to you my lovely girl on a subject that so nearly concerns my and throwing myself myself my dear, my lovely girl entirely upon your mercy & let, whatever may be the result, I let me beg nay let me conjure you not to listen with approba... to triffle with to my tale and whatever you decide me but ease my that you present anxiety by as early a reply as possible for I shall no know of no peace of mind 'till I hear from you — You will doubtless be surprised on the pe-rusal of these lines; but, my dear girl, the ardour of youth-ful & sincere passion is too vio-lent to be constrained in any ordinary bounds — From the first moment in which I beheld your charms and sweet disposition my heart experienced sensa-tions to which it was before a stranger — I felt new affec-tions called into birth and I no longer had the wonted command over my inclina-tions — when absent from you

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Biography — In this division of my work as far as possible to give the portraits — arms coloured & fac similes of the hand writing of the persons whose lives will be related —

Language — To divide this section into 3 Divisions — The 1st to treat of those provincialisms which I term pure & are to be immediately & certainly derived from the Ancient languages of Europe & Asia — 2nd Those which are pure Scotticisms, as shewing the connection this district had with the North Britains — 3rd Those which are direct & willful corruptions of modern English —

Bastard / There is a curious account of one in the Gents Magazine for October 1805 — To write for a sight of the eggs for my work on Nidifica-

In coping the inscriptions on the other side for my work there must be no contractions

But with thee & not without thee

Virtue lives beyond the grave

Wyfe to Henry Lord Scroope

He who hath closed his desire to Jupiter, shall contend for happiness

The following are copies of the In-
-scriptions upon the old Portraits
in Bolton Hall, Wensleydale
mentioned in vol: 1. of my iti-
-nerary —

Two Portraits on one Pannel

1. Thos. Lord Scrope of Bolton, sonne
to Henry Lord Scrope the last. Æ. 22
Sed tecum nec sine te

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2. Margarite, D. of the Duke of Norfolke,
and wife to Henry Lord Scrope Æ. 22.
Vivit post funera virtus.

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Henry Lord Scrope & the Ld. Dacres Daughr.

John Lord Scrope

Mary North Dr. to Ld. North, first wife
to Henry Ld. Scroope V.
Helen Clifford Wife to Jno. Ld. Scroope,
Qui desiderium suum clausit cum
Jove. de felicitate contendet

The Picture of Lord Harrye Scroope
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Let me not forget Brisbane's strange enthusiasm when he talked of setting Dwyer the bookseller afloat & supporting him as one of the first publishers in London.

Introduction / Prospectus — I could surely be possessed of no ordinary portion of audacity if I could draw up & submit to the public such a plan as the following - without having some hopes & those too, confident ones, of executing the work with honour to myself & satisfaction to the world &

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Horsley's Britannia Romana

Horse / for some particulars respecting the introduction of a superior breed into the North of Engl.d see Wallis's Nor-thumberland —

There are some curious Mon.ts and Inscriptions in Startforth a village of Yorksh: near B.d Castle

There is a very fine & curious collection of Roman Antiq.s in an out-building at Rokeby Park near Greta Bridge — many of them were found in Yorkshire — some are engraved in Hutchinson's tour to the Lakes —

There is a compleat acct, with a copy, of the curious epitaph found in Easby Church Yorkshire in the Gentleman's Mag.e for april 1790 —

To the eternal disgrace of Sir Jos.h Banks be it known that he alone opposed the election of John Gough of Kendall to a Fellowship of the Royal Society — on the ground that he was not well affected to government — A proper president of a royal institution truly —

-glyphick & other allegorical al-
-lusions on coins, gems, &c -
which I could name - Upon an
ancient medal in the Pem-
-brokial collection in honour
of Appollo - upon one side is
the figure of the God & upon
the other cupid riding upon a
Goat —

Power of Music over Brutes -
Upon an ancient medal in the
Pembrokial collection in honour
of Orpheus - he is represented playg
his lyre & surrounded by a mul-
-titude of various & opposite ani-
-mals some of whom are standg
& others lying. bound him but
all in the attitudes of strict
attention & admiration —
Some absurd notions on this subj.t in Curiosities of Literat.e

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Burnet the Natural Philosopher
was born at Croft in Yorkshire
see Rees Encyclopedia —

Hen-harrier / even the botch of
a Nat: Walliss in his
Hist J. of Northum.d knew that
the Hen harrier & ringtail were
male & female of the same
species —

Eagles / appear on ancient coins of almost every nation but in particular upon the Macedonian - Egyptian - Grecian & Roman coins - They are represented in various attitudes sometimes holding a crown of Laurel - or a fish or a beast of prey but the most frequently grasping or hurling a thunderbolt & the lightning of Jove - in allusion to that Deity -

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Stags / Two are represented in a chariot upon a roman denarii -

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Goats / Two are represented as above

Cow / A figure is represented riding upon a cow on a Punic coin -

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Love / Whatever may be the opinions of certain modern platonic Philosophers respecting abstracted & purely spiritual & refined love - the ancients very nicely entertained different sentiments & besides many lascivious

valid argument — So will many distinct species of birds and so will distinct species of men & women — but wd a gold finch & canary ever breed a sparrow or would one of our modern Bond street loungers and an female opera dancer ever produce a Hottentot — tho' they should be as prolific as tame rabbits? — If Buffon had made the experiment of breeding a greyhound from two wrinkled, tho' throrough-bred shepherds cur, and fate relenting her fixed laws had consented to his living 'till he produced one by such means — he wd have no occasion for the Elixir Vitæ —

Owls — Were highly esteemed as emblems of wisdom in Ancient greece — they appear in almost every attitude upon the reverse of many Macedonian coins also — and almost all the athenian coins had an owl upon them — sometimes two bodies to one head — perhaps to signify that an owl (as an emblem expressed wisdom enough in its single face for two bodies —

in the other as an emblem perhaps of what a warriors employment should be in time of Peace when crowned with Laurel — Upon a Denarii of Sept: Severus is a Child riding upon a compleat Lap dog or small Spaniel Inscribed "Indulgentia" — The Grecians we know had a great variety of Dogs — and the famous one of Alcibiades nearly if not closely resembles our Newfoundland breed — The Wild Dogs of Africa accurately described by Vaillant are again of a distinct clas — If our ancient Bards are to be credited we have had in Britain from time immemorial great varieties of dogs — Both Roman & Grecian historians praise our breed — Nothing appears to me more absurd than Buffons position & it is yet more strange that every writer since has adopt his plan — The circumstance of their breeding together (that is different kinds) is no

where we find them yoked to Carriages - & as often as two ap=pear a-breast & that ~~two~~ in but a two whelled small cha=riot -

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Dogs / Since the Count de Buffon was determined to derive all our various dogs from the Shepherds' cur I think it is to be lamented that he did not ven=ture to fix the time or at least conjecture when they began to branch off in such strange & very opposite varieties from the parent stock of a single pure and unmixed breed. We find nearly as many varieties and dis=tinct kinds exhibited in our most ancient sculpture - painting - coins & works of literature as at this day - On the reverse of a very ancient coin in honour of Diana is represented a wild boar pierced by an arrow and a well formed greyhound at=tacking it - Upon a Denarii of Claudius Caesar are 2 greyhds drawg a chariot the figure who is drivg - holds a crown of laurel in one hand, an olive branch

Some remarks in Natural Hist made from old coins those alluded to are in the collection of the Earl of Pembroke —

Horse | A Provincial Coin of Hadrian's bearing his head on one side — on the other a man leading a horse havg a saddle but neither bridle or stirrups with this inscription "M a v Britannica —" under the horse S.C. Mauritania — Now this being a provincial coin made it not allude to the excellence of British Horses at that time? — if it does it throws some light upon the hist: of ~~British~~ Horses —

We find Horses in various attitudes and differently employed on the reverse side of our most ancient coins. Egyptian — Grecian — Roman — Macedonian — Syracusan Carthaginian — Punic & Celtic — All shews the high estimation in which they were held — Bridles are of very ancient origin — saddles comparatively modern & stirrups purely modern — On many coins

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The Church at Lestingham near Pickering is well worthy of notice being one of the most ancient in the Kingdom —

Roaky – misty – chilly – raw – "Its a roaky morning" &c.

Nauther from anauntrius – at Croft & Darlington –

Brae – Hill side – copse &c from the Scotch

Footy – silly – foolish – absurd, ridiculous – York & the neighbourhood of Bd Castle

Scaaling or Scāling } It means throwing or squandering about "scāling fire" – throwing fire –

Sine – lang sine – long since

Stag – The North Ridg of Yorkshire the only part where I have noticed this as a term for young horses 'till they are broke It is sometimes used for sheep likewise –

Gulls – A kind of coarse hasty pudding or parridge 'tis made of water salt & oat meal – some water is put on the fire in an open kettle & as it boils a little salt is sprinkled in – then the meal is dropped in gradually stirring it the while with a stick or wooden spoon 'till of the proper consistency – A better kind is made of milk & then less meal is required –

Lingy — Slim - loose - elastic

Kytte — The shirt or jerkin worn by miners to preserve their cloaths see page 65.

Shawl — I first observed this word in the dales by hearing the woody precipice behind Wensley called Leyburn Shawl - 'tis indisputably derived from the Saxon Shaw & hill - a woody hill —

Gavelock & Gaveline or Javeline - G or J. soft — Gavelock is the common term about teeth for an iron crowe & the other word also - I suppose the term Gavelin to have arisen from the application of javelins as iron crowes before the latter were invented merely for the purpose of levers —

Sneck - latch of a door

Staithe - a Wharf

Slot - the or a bolt of a door

Piggin, a small wooden milk measure abt a pint —